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EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO BEGIN HEARINGS ON U.H. BOARD OF REGENT NOMINEES

HONOLULU – The Senate Committee on Education, chaired by Senator Jill Tokuda, will begin confirmation hearings on the governor's appointments to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents on Wednesday, April 13 at 1:15 p.m. in the State Capitol, Room 225.

The appointees are:

- **Coralie Matayoshi**, an attorney who served as Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross since 2003. She earned her BA in sociology from the University of Colorado; and obtained her juris doctor degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law.
- **Patrick Naughton**, runs a small nonprofit that provides tutoring for children with dyslexia and other reading disabilities. Naughton worked as an academic administrator in the UH system for more than 20 years and is a former chancellor at Hawai'i Community College in Hilo. He earned his MA in Higher Education and PhD in Geography from UH.
- Saedene Ota, the owner and creative director of Sae Design. Ota studied graphic design and packaging at UH, California State Northridge and Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California.
- Sandra Scarr, a commonwealth Professor of Psychology emerita, University of Virginia, where she was on the faculty from 1983 to 1995. Scarr earned her Ph.D. in Psychology and Social Relations from Harvard University.
- Jan Sullivan, the Chief Operating Officer at Oceanit, an engineering, technology and science company. She earned her BA in sociology from the University of Colorado; and obtained her juris doctor degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law.

"Regents are critical partners in our efforts to move the University of Hawaii System forward – providing the highest quality educational opportunities to all of our students. We look forward to discussing their vision for the University and how their skill sets can be used to move that vision forward," said Tokuda.

Following the Senate Committee on Education hearing, the committee will make its recommendations to the full Senate. A floor vote will take place shortly a few days later.

The board is composed of 15 regents. They are nominated by the Regents Candidate Advisory Council, appointed by governor, and confirmed by the State Senate. The UH Board of Regents formulates policy and oversees the university system through the university president.

For more information on the hearing: <u>http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/hearingnotices/HEARING_EDU_04-13-11_.HTM</u>

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