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Regents Candidate Advisory Council

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TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 3226, H.D. 2, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
February 21, 2008
5:00 p.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Chairperson Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the House Finance Committee:

We support House Bill 3226.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$120,000 to support the operations of the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (Council) to fund an administrative position to conduct the day-to-day operations and to cover expenditures including the costs for publication of ads, background searches, travel, office supplies and office equipment. This year, the Council operated through the financial and administrative support provided by President McClain through the University of Hawai'i budget.

With respect to the amended language relating to confidentiality in House Bill 3226, H.D. 2, the Council believes that this may have a chilling effect on individuals considering becoming a candidate to serve on the Board of Regents. During recent interviews, some candidates expressed concern about the potential public disclosure of personal information that the Council may become aware of during the candidate review process. In this age of identity theft, the need to maintain the confidentiality of personal information is very important. Therefore, like the confidentiality extended to the Judicial Selection Commission process, the Council respectfully requests that the original language relating to confidentiality in HB 3226 be restored.

Section 7 should also be corrected to read: This Act shall take effect on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2008.

With these modifications, the Council is strongly in support of House Bill 3226, H.D. 2 which will provide important safeguards, clarify the Council's authority, and enable the Council to carry out its responsibilities more efficiently and effectively.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Roy Y. Takeyama, Chair
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