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TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
ON
S.B. 2668 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
By
Roy Y. Takeyama
Chairperson, Regents Candidate Advisory Council

Date: Friday, February 1, 2008
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 235, State Capitol

Chairman Sakamoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Education

I am Karl Fujii, Vice Chairperson of the Regents Candidate Advisory Council, and am representing Chairperson Roy Takeyama who is out of state.

The Regents Candidate Advisory Council was created by Act 56, 2007 Session Laws of Hawaii, and provided for the appointment of seven individuals to the Council. We were tasked with establishing the criteria for qualifying, screening, and presenting to the governor a slate of qualified candidates for membership to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

We strongly support this bill with one revision on page 1, line item 8, to add the word "written" before the phrase "notification from the governor."

An appropriation to support the operations of the Regents Candidate Advisory Council is necessary 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, including a computer, printer, and typewriter which are currently on loan from the University of Hawaii. This year, the Council operated through the financial and administrative support provided by President McClain through the University of Hawaii budget.

The Council will build upon this past year's experiences to make improvements as necessary. We received approximately 140 nominations and of these nominations, 86 nominees submitted their applications. We have completed the interview process and are currently conducting background and reference checks. We hope to present the names of the candidates to the Governor by February 21st.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.