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TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
IN SUPPORT OF SB 2668, S.D. 2 RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
March 11, 2008
2:15 p.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chairman Chang, Vice Chair Bertram and Members of the House Higher Education Committee

We strongly support Senate Bill 2668, S.D. 2, with one minor revision as follows:

Section 3(c), Page 5, line #19: Add the words "*in writing*" after the word "*council*".

We would also like to emphasize the retention of the language relating to confidentiality in Senate Bill 2668, S.D. 2. During recent interviews, some candidates expressed concern about the potential public disclosure of personal information that the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (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.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$120,000 to support the operations of the 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, and office supplies.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Roy Y. Takeyama, Chair
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