

GOV. MSG. NO. 306

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

January 29, 2009

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii:**

Michael A. Dahilig

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

**1. What motivated you to apply to be a member of the Board of Regents and what skill sets and experiences do you bring to the table that will help move the University forward?**

When I reapplied for the Board of Regents almost 18 months ago, my motivations were two fold: 1) I wanted to serve my alma mater; and 2) to seek an indication from the selection committee whether my efforts on the Board as a "student regent" would qualify me as a "regular regent."

Eighteen months and a Supreme Court case later, my desire to serve the University and the State of Hawaii continues, and is bolstered by an understanding of the critical role our institution plays during this time of economic instability.

Although I'm an Attorney by training, I believe the valuable skill set and perspective I bring to the University is my experience as the Student Regent between 2005 and 2008, and my tenure as a former ASUH President. I would also be the only Board member who is also a young professional in Hawai'i's work force applying the new skills I attained. In some respects, the ability to reflect on what my education did and did not prepare me for can help adjust and shape the Board's policy decisions.

**2. What specific short and long term goals do you have for improving the University?**

Given recent economic challenges, I believe the University needs to look at efforts to "weather the storm" in the short term. These efforts should focus on two particular areas: 1) Reducing operating costs; and 2) Maintaining the University's level of service as enrollment increases (since statistics show enrollment rises during periods of economic downturn).

In the long term, I believe the University needs to increase both our going and completion rates. Given the impending retirement of many baby boomers, and the reduced percentage of educated Generation Xers, it is imperative the University help fill the critical gaps we will experience in areas like Nursing, Medicine and Engineering.

**3. As a Regent, what will be your top three priorities for the University?**

**A) Maintaining a Quality Educational Environment for Our Students Throughout the System:**

A healthy "college experience" greatly depends on the physical and intellectual environment of our campuses. I would emphasize the maintenance and refurbishment of our existing buildings before the

construction of new ones. Having a campus students are proud to attend can certainly help their psyche.

The intellectual environment of our campuses depends on providing students the tools they need to succeed. I would place greater emphasis on academic advising and related student support services. Support for engaging extracurricular activities would also be a priority as studies have shown a positive correlation with a student's success in the classroom.

B) Fixing the Leaky Pipeline:

The University spends millions of dollars on remedial course work. I would emphasize greater support for the State's P-20 initiative, and encourage our administration to partner with the Department of Education in streamlining their curriculum to match the needs of our professors.

C) Bolstering Programs Where We Already Excel

Our University should not aim to be a "jack of all trades and a master of none." We need to provide greater support for those areas where UH already has an established reputation and look at opportunities for growth.

- 4. In the coming months, the Board of Regents will be called upon to select a new President. What will be qualifications that you consider most important? What do you feel are the most important duties of the President, and what kind of relationship should exist between the Board and the President?**

There is no more important responsibility held by the Regents than selecting the President of the University. In evaluating candidates for President, I would look to the individual's understanding of our unique environment in Hawai'i, and is not looking at the position as a "stepping stone" in his or her career. Academic achievement is important, but not necessarily a requirement. Other higher education systems across the nation have reached outside the box in hiring their chief executives (e.g. a former admiral at the University of Alaska System and a corporate executive for the Georgia State Universities System).

During my tenure, I had the opportunity to observe a shift in Board authority to the Administration. Much of that shift, I believe, was a consequence of the Board's inability to trust the work done by President Dobbelle during his time at the University. Although I trust the efforts of our current president, I believe the shift to streamline decision making at the administration level has

unproportionately eroded the Regents' ability to execute its fiduciary duty in providing oversight for the campus operations.

The former chair of the Board was transfixed on reducing micromanagement by the Regents. However, I believe the Regents should have the ability to freely ask questions and request information about ongoing operations at our institutions. I have become accustomed to an environment where efficiency of Board operations is prioritized over investing the time to inquire and question. Trust should always remain a prized virtue between the Board and the administration. However, it should not be viewed as a threat or a burden to the administration when a Board member wants to exercise his or her fiduciary duty in providing oversight.

- 5. We are currently faced with an unprecedented budget crisis. What ideas do you have for generating revenue for the University and how we approach any cuts that have to be made within the budget?**

As mentioned above in my response to Question 2, I understand the severity of the coming economic challenges to the State and our University. The University is in a unique circumstance where our tuition revenues and research dollars buoy our budget. In order to maintain the excellence of our institution, all potential sources of revenue must be on the table – including tuition increases. However, we cannot place an unbalanced tuition burden on our students.

For example, I would find it irresponsible for the Regents to require a mandatory \$60-\$75 athletics fee for students at UH Mānoa when other academic programs and services are at risk of being cut. However, other fees for high-cost specialized programs should remain a possibility.

It is a no brainer to support our research enterprise. I believe our institution needs to do more to retain our research producing professors by providing incentives. We can no longer take for granted a professor or researcher's dedication to Hawai'i. Therefore, a greater merit system needs to be instituted for those in the faculty who produce.

I believe our institution cannot be everything to everyone. Given our comparative size to other mainland institutions, our University has a disproportionate amount of academic programs. We need to do a better job in reducing those programs where either 1) students are not enrolling; or 2) minimal graduates have been produced over time. I do not suggest a "bright line" metric for evaluation. However, I believe these two factors are indicators regarding the utility of the programs to our State.

- 6. How do you view the role of the system as it relates to the 10 campuses? Do you feel that the relationship as it exists now should be changed? How will you ensure equity of resources across all campuses?**

Having spent substantial time on the neighbor islands as a student leader, student regent and now currently a Law Clerk on Kaua'i, I can empathize the geographic challenges as an island State. Other than the University of Alaska System, no other State institution of higher education is forced to find innovative means of providing educational opportunities to its residents. From my work with the students as the student regent, I often found resentment directed at the O'ahu campuses for their perceived resource advantage. I believe the role of the System must focus on ensuring a consistent standard of quality irregardless of which institution a student attends. The System must coordinate the roles of each campus in meeting the higher educational needs of our State.

I was still an undergraduate at UH Mānoa when then-President Dobelle decided to provide a greater identity for the system. The idea to separate the system from the UH Mānoa campus was politically popular with the Mānoa Faculty System because of their perceived lack of access to an executive who would advocate for their needs. The plan was supposed to result in little to no added cost to the University system. However, anecdotally, I have heard the cost in the millions of dollars.

By providing Mānoa its own identity, and giving the other campuses equal access to the System does have benefits. However, given the recent economic downturn, I believe the Regents should again task the administration with really pinning down the actual cost of the System-Mānoa split. The Regents should also ask the administration to identify operational inefficiencies that have arisen as a result of the separation, and entertain the possibility of sharing some of these functions with the existing campus administrations.

**7. What kind of relationship do you feel should exist between the University and the Legislature? More specifically, how would you view the relationship between the Board of Regents and the Legislature?**

I am a firm believer in autonomy for the institution, and I do see the advantages of removing certain elements involved in the creation of the University's budget from the political process. However, as a former student regent, I have had the opportunity to experience first-hand the effects of a combative relationship between the Board and the Legislature.

The University and the Board must view the Legislature as a partner rather than an adversary. Surely, the University and Board cannot take the attitude that they are the only relevant authority with respect to higher education policy in the State. The Board and the Administration need to maintain lines of communication with those legislators interested on a year-round basis and not just during the legislative session.

**8. Do you have any real or perceived conflicts of interest to disclose?**

After my clerkship with the Fifth Circuit Court, I am contracted to start work with PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc. in August 2009. The land use planning firm has worked on the entitlements for the UH West O'ahu project, and also subconsults on Chapter 343 compliance documents. I will be screened from all UH work while at PBR, and I do not vote on any related Board actions.

**Testimony GM 306**

**Dahilig, Michael**



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 10, 2009

### TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Governor's Message No. 306 For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i gubernatorial nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG  
Before the committee March 17, 2009 at 1:15 pm

Honorable Members:

I testify **in strong support** of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Mr. Dahilig volunteered at my legislative office for several months in 2006. Thereafter, I hired him as a session staffer during the 2007-2008 legislative session. During that time, Mr. Dahilig was the student Board of Regent member at the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Dahilig's intelligence and ability to problem solve is nothing short of extraordinary. He was my aide while I served as chair for the first time, of the Human Services and Housing Committee. As a new chair, I relied heavily on him to draft legislation and amendments, make policy recommendations, perform legal research, and sift through the complicated legislative process.

As an example of Mr. Dahilig's extremely high level of competence, I assigned a majority package bill to him dealing with expediting permits for affordable housing. This bill was very complex with many moving parts, and required balancing the concerns of everyone from environmentalists to developers, homeless service providers, and government officials. At first I was overwhelmed with having to contend with this bill, but once Mr. Dahilig agreed to take responsibility for the measure, I knew I had all the help I needed.

Countless other times, Mr. Dahilig's "can-do" attitude with respect to constituent concerns and difficult assignments was a godsend. I recall that during conference committee proceedings, I

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expressed to him how disappointed I was that a measure placing a deadline on the counties to adopt indigenous architecture building codes had failed. Within a few minutes, Mr. Dahilig had found the perfect vehicle and procedure to save the measure. Today, a measure that I had written off as “dead” is now law thanks to Mr. Dahilig.

Although I was technically Mr. Dahilig’s supervisor (and, mind you, he was still a young law student when he worked for me), I often felt that it was he who was teaching me, and showing me the way. When I think of those days Mr. Dahilig worked for me, I remember him reaching for the Hawaii Revised Statutes books, checking online, or calling a key policymaker to find the perfect solution to the problem I would pose to him, usually within minutes. Often my stunned response to him would be “How did you figure that out so fast?”

Through it all, Mr. Dahilig also became a friend. His sense of humor, commitment to the office “team,” and generosity made him a pleasure to work with. He often picked up lunch, helped plan office social events and fundraising projects, and even cooked for us.

I could go on and on about how qualified Mr. Dahilig is to serve as a member of the UH Board of Regents. I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

REP. MAILE SHIMABUKURO

**Representative Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, District 45**

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**Re: Testimony to the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Higher Education for the Board of Regents: Nominee Mr. Michael Dahilig**

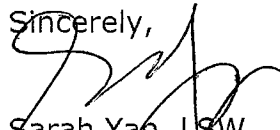
Honorable Members:

I testify in support of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. I have known Mr. Dahilig for about five years and have had the privilege to observe his growth as a student leader, a young professional in law and urban planning and as an advocate for student and community needs. While Mr. Dahilig was a student at the University of Hawaii, he held numerous student leadership positions while pursuing his degrees in Urban Planning and Law. He was the student representative for the Board of Regents, President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii and a member of the Campus Center Board through its Activities Council and Facilities Management Committee. His interest in the University especially in the well being of students has continued even as a young professional forging a career.

As the lone student voice on the Board of Regents, Mr. Dalilig demonstrated this role seriously by championing initiatives that impacted students. He approached and deliberated various issues including unpopular ones with fairness and composure. During his tenure at the Campus Center Board, he demonstrated a keen sense of ownership and motivation to make changes. His interest in the law, and his dedication to his community were obvious when he discussed issues. He was often able to weigh all sides of an argument and yet challenge others to see a different perspective. His strong values, especially for himself were "yard sticks", always guiding his decisions. Mr. Dahilig is a hard worker and has never shied away from his responsibilities. His experiences in various student organizations with various goals are a benefit in his current role. He is fair and has the interest of students at heart. He has been a keen learner and appears to have held his own as a Regent over the past year. He has demonstrated professional parameters and carefully assesses his actions. He has demonstrated character in his undertakings and has enough ego strength to exercise self-reflection.

Through his actions, Mr. Dahilig is a mentor and role model for other student leaders – paving a way for other students to, not only become involved in their community, but to influence change. I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Sarah Yap, LSW  
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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

Co-curricular Activities, Programs and Services

March 13, 2009

Senator Jill Tokuda  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda,

It is with pleasure and honor that I provide this letter of recommendation supporting the nomination of Mr. Michael Dahilig for a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

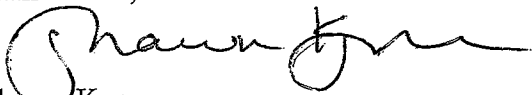
I had the pleasure of knowing Michael as a fellow student at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa for a few years. Despite the brief period I've known him as a fellow student, Michael and I have remained friends, frequently keeping in touch.

Since knowing Michael through college, he is a young man that I would not hesitate to say is a great representative of our generation's new leader! Throughout college he quickly stepped up as a leader amongst our peers, serving as the President of the ASUH, Member of the CCB and Activities Council, leader of the New Student Orientation Programs, and the Student Regent on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Throughout the years that I've had the pleasure of known Michael, he has demonstrated his ability to work with a diverse population of individuals and organizations; entertain multiple and differing perspectives and ideas; and ability to plan and organize to maintain effectiveness and efficiency of any task. He has been able to build lasting relationships with his peers, advisors, mentors, and administrators. His work ethics and dedication are worthy of recognition. He can be counted on to get a job done, and he is able to provide constructive feedback in challenges and of concerns.

It is with high regards, that I strongly encourage your consideration of Mr. Michael Dahilig, for a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. It is with confidence that I provide this recommendation, knowing he will carry through his core values, ethics, and enthusiasm as a Board of Regent member, keeping the best interest of the University of Hawaii and its constituents in mind.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mahalo nui,



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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

Co-curricular Activities, Programs and Services

March 10, 2009

The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda:

I am pleased to submit this letter of recommendation in support of Michael Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I had the pleasure of knowing Michael for the past six years as his teacher, advisor, mentor and friend.

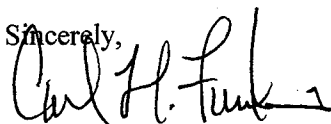
In the role that I serve, I observed Michael in a variety of situations. From our initial acquaintance here at the University, Michael has shown outstanding organizational skills, an overwhelming willingness to learn, a commitment and devotion to our organization and the students of the University of Hawaii, and the ability to relate to a diverse group of people. Michael's continuous effort to seek out ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our organization has been a tremendous asset to our Department, the University, community, and all of its constituents. His display of patience when working with fellow students, senators, and co-workers has been outstanding. Michael has very strong collaborative skills and will continue to be an asset to any venue he is involved in. He has a special ability to lead others to work together towards a common goal.

Michael has continued his commitment and devotion to the University and its constituents during the past few years by serving as the Student Regent on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

It has been a pleasure knowing Michael Dahilig. His dependability, core values, work ethic, communication skills and enthusiasm has served the University of Hawaii and it's constituents with distinction. Michael Dahilig is a worthy applicant for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I strongly support his nomination for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (808) 956-4815 or [carlf@hawaii.edu](mailto:carlf@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,



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University of Hawaii Student Life and Development  
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# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

Co-curricular Activities, Programs and Services

TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Governor's Message No. 306: For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the  
University of Hawai'i gubernatorial nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHLIG

March 13, 2009

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda-Chairperson, Senator Norman Sakamoto-Vice Chairperson  
& Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of **Michael A. Dahlig**, a nominee for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR). I have been acquainted with Michael for approximately eight years. Our association began with his appointment to serve as Chief Justice of the Student Court while enrolled as an undergraduate student. Later, he stepped down to seek the position of President of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (ASUH). He was elected and served as President of the 90<sup>th</sup> Senate, during the 2002-2003 academic year. I served as lead advisor to the senate during Michael's term in office.

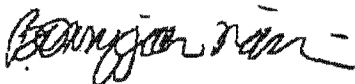
In working with Michael, I found him to be an exceptional leader who is intelligent, confident, responsible, hard working & committed. What I will remember most about Michael's leadership is his ability to see broad perspectives and make tough decisions.

While leading ASUH, Michael worked to build relationships amongst students, faculty, staff and administrators. These are skills that should continue to serve him and the University well if appointed to the at-large seat on the BOR. Since working with Michael, he has gone on to serve as a student regent on the BOR, completed graduate school and is now a working professional. What he offers the board and state now as an appointee to an at-large seat is the perspective of a young professional. He has moved on from being a student, has solid work experience under his belt, is active in the community and is able to offer innovative and dynamic ideas to regent discussions.

I wholeheartedly believe that Michael is one of those bright hopes for Hawai'i's future. I am confident that as an at-large regent, Michael will be able to build bridges while making tough decisions. This will ensure the sustainability of our state's public higher educational system.

I respectfully ask that Michael Dahlig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



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Testimony in strong support of GM 306

Senate Committee on Higher Education

March 17, 2009, 1:15 p.m.

Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

To:

Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Honorable Sen. Norman Sakamoto, Vice-Chair

Honorable Senate Health Committee Members: Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Sen. Russell Kokubun, Sen. Dwight Y. Takamine, Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From:

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D., Vice Chair, National Federation of Filipino American Associations

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, gubernatorial nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Report Title: Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i

Although I work at UH Mānoa, my testimony in support of Mr. Dahilig is submitted on behalf of NaFFAA Region XII, which represents the interests of Filipinos in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands. NaFFAA Region XII is an affiliate of the National NaFFAA. Washington policy-makers, private industry and national advocacy groups recognize NaFFAA as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations that span twelve regions throughout the continental United States and U.S. Pacific territories.

Our regional chapter, as well as our national organization, is extremely proud of Mike Dahilig during his tenure as a UH regent because it is very rare to have a Filipino American



member of a university governing board at any US campus. We are particularly grateful that during his tenure as a student regent, he made important policy decisions in the area of recognizing student excellence and access to higher education by expanding scholarship opportunities for academically gifted students as well as low income and underrepresented students.

As an officer of NaFFAA Region XII, Mr. Dahilig has demonstrated his leadership and service at the national and local level in organizing our annual and regional conferences, in advocating for equity for Filipino World War II veterans at the national level, and in developing programs to encourage youth to participate and contribute their talent to their communities. In everything he does, Mr. Dahilig works collaboratively and with respect. He is extremely intelligent and does his homework. He listens carefully and communicates clearly. Mr. Dahilig is fully qualified to be a regent and we are confident he will continue to be regent who understands the importance of the role of the university for the future of our community.

We respectfully request your support for Mr. Michael Dahilig.

Sincerely,

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D.  
Vice Chair  
NaFFAA Region XII



# OAHU FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Unit Organizations

Alliance of Residential  
Carehome Administrators  
Aloha Saguibsib Cultural  
Foundation, Inc.  
Annac ti Bado iti Hawaii  
Annac ti Batac  
Annac ti Caoayan 2002  
Annac ti Kailokuan iti  
America  
Annak ti Sinait iti Hawaii  
Asingan Organization of  
Hawaii  
Badoc-Pinili Aid  
Association of Hawaii  
Banna Association of  
Hawaii  
Bannatiran Association of  
Hawaii  
Batangas Association of  
Hawaii  
Bulacan Circle of Hawaii  
Caballeros de Dimasalang  
Cabugao Sons & Daughters  
of Hawaii  
Candonians of Hawaii  
Caoayan ISAH  
Cavitenians of Hawaii  
Dingras Association of  
Hawaii  
Divine Word College  
Alumni Association  
FilAm Sports USA  
Fil American Citizens  
League  
Filipino Business Women's  
Club  
Filipino Nurses Organization  
of Hawaii  
Filipino Women's Civic  
Club  
GUMIL Hawaii  
GUMIL Oahu  
Hawaii Filipino Women's  
Club  
Hawaii Council of Bilingual  
Educators  
ILAH  
Ilocos Norteniens of  
America  
INCAT Alumni Association  
of Hawaii  
International Filipino  
Society of Hawaii  
Kalayaan Phil.-Hi. Int.  
La Union Circle of  
Hawaii  
Lingayen Gulf Club of  
Hawaii

Testimony in strong support of GM 306

Senate Committee on Higher Education

March 17, 2009, 1:15 p.m.

Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, gubernatorial nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Report Title: Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i

To: Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Honorable Sen. Norman Sakamoto, Vice-Chair

Honorable Senate Health Committee Members:

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Sen. Russell Kokubun, Sen. Dwight Y.

Takamine, Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Cirvalina Longboy, OFCC President

My name is Cirvalina Longboy, president of the Oahu Filipino Community Council. OFCC is an umbrella organization that represents a network of non-profit civic groups with a unified vision to improve the lives of our Filipino communities.

I submit this testimony to strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig to serve as a member of the UH Board of Regents. Even before our recent economic crisis, Filipinos have been, and continue to be among the hardest hit by unemployment in the state of Hawai'i. Mr. Dahilig's contributions to access to higher education for our vulnerable communities, who are underrepresented in higher education is a valuable asset to the critical planning of how to retool our society to kick start our economy again.

OFCC is proud to support the confirmation of Mr. Dahilig. Thank you for hearing this important bill.

Sincerely,

Cirvalina Longboy

President

Oahu Filipino Community Council

## Unit Organizations

Magsingal Association of  
Hawaii  
Narvacan/San Antonio Club of  
Hawaii  
Nueva Vizcaya Association of  
Hawaii  
Pasuquinos Association of  
Hawaii  
Philippine Cultural Foundation  
Philippine Nurses  
Association of Hawaii  
Piddig Association of Hawaii  
Sanchez Mira Association of  
Hawaii  
San Manuel Pangasinan  
Association of Hawaii  
San Nicolaneos USA  
San Nicolas Goodwill  
Foundation  
San Nicolas Teachers of  
Hawaii  
Santa Lucia Association of  
Hawaii  
Sarrat Association of Hawaii  
Sarrat International Inc.  
Sinait Nt. High School Alumni  
of Hawaii  
Solsona of Hawaii  
Tarlac Mutual Club of Hawaii  
TPCP  
Kalihi Ballroom, Inc.  
Sadiri ti San Nicolas iti Hawaii  
Samar Leyte Association of  
Hawaii  
Sampaguita/Sunflower Club of  
Hawaii  
San Juan Association of  
Hawaii  
San Nicolas Nat. High  
Santa Marians of Hawaii  
School Alumni  
Santa Nicolas Nat. High  
School Bingao Annex  
Tagalog Association of Oahu  
United Bacarreños of Hawaii  
United Group of Home  
Operators  
United Pangasinan of Hawaii  
United Urdaneta Club of  
Hawaii  
United Vintarinians of Hawaii  
Vigan Association of Hawaii



# Filipino American Citizens League

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Testimony in strong support of GM 306

Senate Committee on Higher Education  
March 17, 2009, 1:15 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, RAMON S. DE LA PENA PHD, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Report Title:

Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i

To:

Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair & Honorable Sen. Norman Sakamoto, Vice-Chair

Honorable Senate Health Committee Members: Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Sen. Russell Kokubun, Sen. Dwight Y. Takamine, Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From:

Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

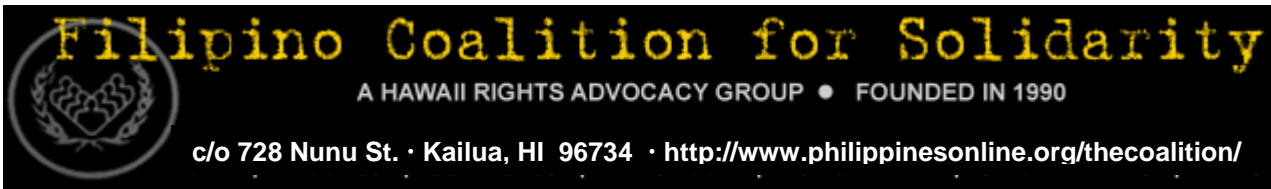
My name is Jake Manegdeg. I am the president of the Filipino American Citizens League. The Filipino American Citizens League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

I submit this testimony to strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Ramon S. de la Pena to the UH Board of Regents. His character is beyond reproach, and can bring people together to work effectively and productively. Dr. de la Pena's scientific and community expertise, as well as his advocacy and knowledge of neighbor island strengths are valuable leadership perspectives that he can bring to the intellectual rigor and accountability to discern and act upon university business that is of utmost importance to Hawai'i's diverse communities.

Your consideration of his confirmation is greatly appreciated.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League



Testimony in strong support of GM 306

Senate Committee on Higher Education

March 17, 2009, 1:15 p.m.  
Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

To: Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Honorable Sen. Norman Sakamoto, Vice-Chair  
Honorable Senate Health Committee Members: Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Sen. Russell Kokubun,  
Sen. Dwight Y. Takamine, Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Charlene Cuaresma, MPH, President, Filipino Coalition For Solidarity

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Report Title: Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. As president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, I want to express appreciation to you for considering the confirmation of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

We in the community have the highest regard for Mr. Dahilig's leadership skills, character, aptitude, critical thinking abilities, respect and promotion of diversity and civil rights for all. Through the National Federation of Filipino American Association Region XII, Mr. Dahilig has collaborated with the Filipino Coalition For Solidarity to address disparities in the Filipino community related to caregivers issues, Filipino WWII veterans equity, immigration, health, education, labor, and more. Mr. Dahilig will be able to bring a youthful and innovative perspective to discern the issues of capacity building and access to higher education for underrepresented groups,. His knowledge of the University of Hawai'i system and excellent working relationships with the community will help to forge strategic partnerships in fields of education that will move Hawai'i's economic engine forward with integrity and prosperity for all of Hawai'i's people.

We recommend Mr. Dahilig's confirmation without reservation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support of his confirmation to the UH Board of Regents.

Respectfully,

Charlene Cuaresma, MPH  
President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity



TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

Governor's Message No. 306 For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the  
University of Hawaii Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG

Before the committee March 17, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.

Honorable Members:

I testify in support of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board  
of Regents.

As a member of the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents since 2005, I have had the pleasure  
of working with Michael A. Dahilig when he first joined the Board of Regents in 2005 as a  
student regent. A master's candidate in urban and regional planning at the University of Hawaii  
at Manoa, Mr. Dahilig is a valuable asset to the board as an exceedingly committed former  
student and now-graduate of the university system.

Prior to his appointment to the board, Mr. Dahilig served his fellow undergraduate classmates by  
advocating on their behalf with various entities—including the university administration, faculty,  
staff, community groups and government officials—as president of the Associated Students of  
the University of Hawaii from 2002–2003. He also served on the Manoa Campus Center Board  
and various UH committees and commissions. In 2003, he was awarded the UH Manoa Student  
Service and Leadership Distinction Award.

A University of Hawaii at Manoa alumnus, Mr. Dahilig received a bachelor's of science with  
honors in geology and geophysics in 2003 and a juris doctor from the William S. Richardson  
School of Law in 2006. He was admitted to the Hawai'i State Bar in November 2006.

He has also volunteered with Manoa's New Student Orientation program and is a member of the  
Sariling Gawa Youth Council, Filipino Law Student Association, Golden Key International  
Honor Society and Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity.

Mr. Dahilig remains steadfast in his commitment to ensuring the University of Hawaii continues  
to serve as the public system of higher education in Hawaii that offers opportunities as unique  
and diverse as our Island home. His experience, knowledge and dedication in regards to the  
University of Hawaii system make Mr. Dahilig an excellent candidate for the Board of Regents.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be  
forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald K. Migita".

Ronald K. Migita  
Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer

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March 16, 2009

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Committee on Higher Education  
State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **GM 306**  
**Confirmation of Michael A. Dahilig to University of Hawai'i Board of Regents**  
**Hearing Date: Friday, March 17, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.**

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

I am Mihoko Ito, an attorney with Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, testifying in **strong support** of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I have known Mr. Dahilig for the last five years in a personal and professional capacity. I support Mr. Dahilig's nomination because he exemplifies commitment and leadership, and has done so both during his years at the University of Hawaii and beyond. Mr. Dahilig served as class president while he was at the University of Hawaii, and has also served as a student Regent to the Board of Regents. He is very well-known and well-liked in the legal, Filipino, and political communities. I admire Mr. Dahilig for his pleasant attitude, his humbleness, and his natural leadership abilities and believe he will only continue to demonstrate his abilities in his service as a Regent.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Mihoko E. Ito

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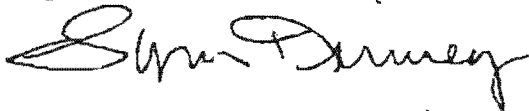
March 16, 2009

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

As the Business Manager-Secretary Treasurer of District Council 50, I would like to offer my support for the confirmation of Michael A. Dahilig for the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents. Mike understanding the needs of working people and his humility in carrying out his duties as a recent member of the Board has demonstrated to my membership that, without question, he will be able to handle the responsibility of managing the day to day affairs of the University. Understanding and experience are what we need as we head into these hard times, and we believe that Mike's ability to take on tough issues would be invaluable to helping both my membership and the public at large.

Respectfully,



Lynn Kinney  
Business Manager-Secretary Treasurer  
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Testimony for HRE 3/17/2009 1:15:00 PM GM306

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Submitted on: 3/10/2009

**Comments:**

I strongly support Michael Dahilig's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.



## Levi Ken Kaleo O Kalani Ho'okano

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March 11, 2009

### TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAI'I STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Governor's Message No. 306

For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG

Before the committee March 17, 2009 at 1:15 pm

Testimony in support of nominee Michael A. Dahilig

Honorable Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

I offer testimony in support of Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. Mr. Dahilig and I are close friends and former classmates at the University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law. I support Mr. Dahilig's nomination for many reasons, but two in particular: his integrity and intelligence.

I have known Mr. Dahilig for several years and his integrity sets him apart from his peers. I always knew where I stood with him. His integrity was demonstrated when he served as the Student Regent for the University of Hawai'i and made tough decisions in the best interest of the University. Also, while classmates in law school, Mr. Dahilig and I collaborated on several projects together. He never missed a deadline and always kept the projects and individual tasks on track.

Mr. Dahilig's intelligence also qualifies him to sit on the Board of Regents. Essential skills for a Regent are logical reasoning and effective communication. With degrees in geology, planning, and law, Mr. Dahilig brings to the table a broad spectrum of methods to analyze problems. His law school training also helped him to communicate his ideas and reasoning effectively, both in writing and orally, especially when dealing with complex issues.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Dahilig will be a tremendous asset to the University. So it is with no hesitation that I give my full support to his nomination to the Board of Regents and I urge the Senate Committee on Higher Education to move his nomination forward for full Senate confirmation.

Sincerely,

Levi K. Hookano

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**From:** Denise Antolini [antolini@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2009 3:48 PM  
**To:** HRE Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Regent Dahilig, Mar. 17 Confirmation Hearing

Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Hearing, Tues. March 17, 2009, 1:15 pm, Conf. Room 225

Confirmation of Michael A. Dahilig to the Board of Regents

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on my own behalf in strong support of the confirmation of Michael Dahilig to the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents.

I have known Mike for many years, both while he was an outstanding undergraduate student leader at the University of Hawai`i and then more directly for the three years when he attended the William S. Richardson School of Law, where I serve on the faculty.

Mike is a very intelligent, fair-minded, thoughtful, skilled, and forward-looking young leader. He knows the University intimately from his years of experience in various departments and from working with a broad cross-section of faculty, staff, administrators, and students. His inside experience, as well as his many years post-graduation working in the broader legal and planning community, provide a unique combination of knowledge and experience that we need on the Board.

Hawai`i is fortunate to have had Mike's service on the Board of Regents for many years, and his continuation in this position will lend stability, balance, and wisdom to the Board and the University at a particularly challenging time for the institution.

Thank you for favorably considering his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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**From:** jarmanc001@hawaii.rr.com  
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> > TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAI`I STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
> > Governor's Message No. 306 for consideration and confirmation to the  
> > Board of Regents of the University of Hawai`i Gubernatorial Nominee,  
> > MICHAEL A. DAHILIG  
> >  
> > Before the Committee March 17, 2009 at 1:15 p.m.  
> >  
> > Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Sakamoto, and Honorable Members:  
> >  
> > I am writing to express my strong personal support of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents. I first met Mike when he was a student in my classes at the William S. Richardson School of Law, where I serve as a tenured member of the faculty.  
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> > Mike has consistently demonstrated his exceptional leadership capabilities from his time as an undergraduate student through to the present. He is a bright, thoughtful, capable, ethical individual who has already made a contribution to the Board of Regents through his service as student representative to the Board. He is deeply committed to the University, as evidenced by his active participation in student government while a student at UH-Manoa and his service on the Board of Regents.  
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> > The Board and the University have benefited from his participation on the Board for the past few years; I am confident that he will be able to use his knowledge, experience, and fair and balanced viewpoint to assist the University through this particularly challenging economic time.  
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> > Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee and that his candidacy be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.  
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> > Sincerely,  
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March 17, 2009

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Committee on Higher Education  
Hawaii State Senate

**RE: Testimony in Strong Support of Governor's Message No. 306, For Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG.**

Dear Chair Tokuda and Honorable Committee Members:

I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

Mr. Dahilig began as a Regent while still a student at the William S. Richardson School of Law. Since then, he has worked as a Legislative Staff/Advisor in both the State House and Senate; was a Land Use Planner; and is currently a Law Clerk in the Fifth Circuit Court of Hawaii.

Mr. Dahilig possesses the intelligence, integrity and passion to successfully execute the role of a Regent of the University of Hawaii

I respectfully request that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive consent from your Committee, and be forwarded for confirmation to the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Gladys Ann A. Quinto, Esq.

TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION

Governor's Message No. 306

consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai`i,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG  
Before the committee March 17, 2009 at 1:15 pm

By Ken Staton

Associate Professor of Music UH Hilo, retired

Honorable Members:

I testify in support of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawai`i  
Board of Regents.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and  
be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Monday, March 16, 2009

Re: Michael Dahilig

Subject: Candidacy for appointment as At-Large Regent

Aloha,

I would like to add my support for Mr. Dahilig's candidacy as a regular Board of Regent.

While at the University of Hawaii at Hilo I had several occasions to work with Michael. I found him to be responsive, interested and a good listener.

Mr. Dahilig plays violin from time to time with the UH Hilo Orchestra and been Enthusiastic in his support of that organization, the only one of its kind on the Big Island.

I think he will be a fine regent and I urge you to appoint him.

Ken Staton

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Conductor of the UH Hilo Orchestra

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**From:** Rouel G Velasco [rouel@hawaii.edu]  
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TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAI'I STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Governor's Message No. 306 For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG  
Before the committee March 17, 2009 at 1:15 pm

Honorable Members:

I testify in support of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Mr. Dahilig has previously served as the Student Member to the Board of Regents. His tenure to the Board of Regents was one marked with student voice representation and accountability.

As Mr. Dahilig has taken on full-time professional work, his presence to the Board of Regents is important in this year of change and expectations. Mr. Dahilig will certainly bring continuity from the previous board to the new board. As one of the youngest Board Members, Mr. Dahilig brings a fresh and thought-provoking perspective to an evolving institution, the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Dahilig is called to serve others in this type of leadership capacity. He is truly genuine about service and giving back to the community. As a graduate of the University of Hawaii, Mr. Dahilig is proud to serve his alma mater in this capacity. He has served to the Board of Regents well and I look forward to his leadership and presence to continue into a new term.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

*Rouel G. Velasco*

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TESTIMONY TO THE HAWAII STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
Governor's Message No. 306 For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL A. DAHILIG  
Before the committee March 17, 2009 at 1:15 pm

Honorable Members:

I testify in support of Mr. Michael A. Dahilig's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Mr. Dahilig and I both attended the William S. Richardson School of Law as J.D. candidates from 2003 to 2006. During that time, and in the two and a half years since we entered the practice of law, Mr. Dahilig has distinguished himself as an individual uniquely qualified for the Board of Regents at-large position.

Mr. Dahilig is a reasoned and objective contributor to the vision and efforts of the University. During law school, Mr. Dahilig was immediately identified by his peers as a strong leader, mediator and voice of reason. Not surprisingly, Mr. Dahilig served as the student member to the Board of Regents during this time, and was also an elected representative in student government during his years of law school. As an attorney, and more recently as a law clerk to the Honorable Randal Valenciano, Mr. Dahilig continues to be actively sought out by his peers for his balanced perspective, guidance and advice. Mr. Dahilig's multi-disciplined background in urban and regional planning, geology and geophysics, and law affords him the advantage of having context when analyzing the issues faced by the University system.

Mr. Dahilig has played a vital role on the Board of Regents every year that I have known him. During that time, he has balanced the needs of his friends, his family, his community, his employer, and his alma mater without falter. He has met every deadline and every obligation despite the tremendous responsibilities placed upon him. All throughout, Mr. Dahilig has demonstrated the highest degree of integrity and has maintained a calm and thoughtful demeanor during even the most stressful situations. Mr. Dahilig shows a maturity beyond his years and will undoubtedly continue to be a valued and insightful member of the Board of Regents.

Seldom have I been able to make such an enthusiastic recommendation regarding a colleague. Mr. Dahilig is an exceptional candidate for the at-large position. As a Regent, I am confident that Mr. Dahilig will continue to demonstrate his leadership and abilities while provided reasoned and thoughtful contributions to the future of my alma mater, the University of Hawaii. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 544-8300.

I respectfully ask that Mr. Dahilig's nomination receive the consent of the committee, and be forwarded for confirmation by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

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