

RCUH

1. What skills, qualifications and expertise have prepared you to serve as a board member of RCUH?

I have extensive experience in government, politics, education, non-profit enterprises, and for-profit, private industry. Specifically, I have actually engaged selected University researchers in collaborative research projects with my company.

2. What are your top three priorities as a board member? What short and long term goals do you have for RCUH?

- 1) Continued accountability in management of resources/money.
- 2) Support of K-12 education in conjunction with the University as the premier educational research institution of the state.
- 3) Seek and develop ways to enhance research, development, and training in Hawaii.

Short/Long term goals:

My actions and advice I believe are generally consistent with the above priorities, so I see my goals are to achieve my top three objectives.

3. As you know, the President of the University of Hawaii also serves as the President of RCUH. In the coming months, the University of Hawaii Board of Regents will be called upon to select a new President. What qualifications to believe the Board of Regents should consider most important with respect to RCUH's mission?

An accomplished and respected leader with a clear vision, like the current President.

4. What role, if any, do you see RCUH playing in the State's effort to recover from the current economic crisis?

One of the key capabilities of the RCUH is to place contracts, begin execution expeditiously, and help oversee its management. This capability will serve the state well if the state and the federal government are serious about initiating and sustaining new contract money and projects.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



Testimony
Senate Committee on Higher Education
The Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Thursday, April 9, 2009
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
1:15 p.m.

by
Michael Hamnett, Executive Director
Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

RE: Governor's Message 311

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee **Guy P. Ontai**, for a term to expire 6/30/2013.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) supports the appointment of Mr. Guy Ontai to the RCUH Board of Directors. Mr. Ontai has been serving on the RCUH Board since July 2005 so this will be his second term.

Mr. Ontai has been an active participant in Board meetings and understands the research environment inasmuch as his company is involved in research and development. He is therefore able to contribute to RCUH's mission of supporting the research enterprise at the University of Hawaii as well as the State of Hawaii.

We respectfully request your confirmation of Mr. Guy Ontai's appointment to the RCUH Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



February 13, 2009

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 311 Gubernatorial Nominee Guy P. Ontai
to the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i Board

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

I am writing in support of gubernatorial nominee Guy P. Ontai to the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i Board. I have known Guy Ontai for the past 3 years, as colleagues and principals of our respective small businesses. Mr. Ontai has managed a successful small business in Hawai'i, garnering engineering and consulting services contracts from Department of Defense clients in Hawai'i and abroad. He brings years of entrepreneurship, education, military experience, and legislative experience to the Board.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Ontai on a professional and social level. Guy's business acumen, technical knowledge, team-player attitude, and selfless service makes him a quality candidate for this Board. I urge the committee's favorable consideration of his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Kahue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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February 10, 2009

Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
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SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation for Guy P. Ontai for Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH)

Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is my privilege and honor to recommend Guy P. Ontai for the position to the Board of Directors of RCUH. He is a person of exceptional integrity and his character is unmatched. His experience and extensive background makes him not only a good candidate for the position but also worthy of another term.

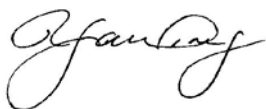
I have known and worked with Guy for over a decade. Guy is someone you can trust not only to get the job well done but also to get it done in an exceptional manner – the first time.

Mr. Ontai's many accomplishments has been recognized at the National, State, and Local level. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and service in our Armed Forces as an Army Officer. At the State level he served two terms as a legislature in the House of Representatives. His dedication to the community is most noteworthy. He is the Coach for the Chess Team for Kamehameha and gives of this time to other nonprofit organizations.

Guy is also an entrepreneur. His company, Alaka'i, focuses on work in the federal marketplace. This experience is a valuable asset for RCUH bringing his vast knowledge on the federal government procurement process.

It is my honor to recommend this outstanding citizen. He will continue to serve you well on the Board for RCUH. He is a competent leader with diplomatic skills that will advance RCUH interest and towards the greater good. You will not find a better person that has all the ingredients you need for the position on the Board of Directors for RCUH.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Raymond Jardine Jr., PhD
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Area VI Director, National Guard Association of the United States (14 Western States)
Chairman, Veterans for Obama Hawaii Chapter
Chairman, Kina'ole Foundation
Vice Chair, Hawaiian Native Corporation
Director, Native Hawaiian Organizations Association
President & CEO, Native Hawaiian Veterans, LLC.
COLONEL, United States Army Retired