

## **WICHE**

**1. What skills and perspectives would you bring to the commission? How are you uniquely qualified to represent Hawaii on the commission?**

I have been an educator in the State of Hawaii for the past 40 years. I have held many positions in the Department of Education at all different levels. I know that I possess all the skills needed to be a successful administrator. Because of the various experiences and trainings that I have had over the past years I feel I am well qualified to represent the State of Hawaii on the commission. I am currently on the commission and understand the role of a commissioner representing Hawaii.

**2. As a commissioner, what would be your top priority issue?**

My top priority as a commissioner is to ensure that Hawaii is always involved whenever a new program or initiative is introduced. Also to make sure that Hawaii's students are able to take advantage of the programs in other states that Hawaii doesn't offer.

**3. How would you expand Hawaii's involvement in WICHE?**

Working in lower education I forward all of the WICHE information that I receive to the person in charge of Counseling and Guidance at the state level. This person in turn informs all of the counselors in the state about this "new" information that is occurring whether in higher education or in the work force.

**4. What specific WICHE programs would you like to see Hawaii more involved in?**

At this specific time I think WICHE can assist Hawaii with our Mental Health program. The other program that I wish we could fund more students for would be the undergraduate program. I think the numbers of students that get funded for this program each year is getting smaller and smaller. Our students should be given the opportunity to be exposed to the mainland.

**5. Are there ways that the legislature can maximize Hawaii's participation in WICHE?**

I think that the students who receive WICHE funds for their post graduate degree should be subject to repay part of their costs and when completed return to Hawaii for their employment or return all of the money that they used to secure their degree. This way we will always be able to send students to the mainland for school that we don't have in Hawaii.