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SB 2803: The RCAC Student Advisory Group

March 16, 2010

To the House Committee on Higher Education:

On behalf of the students at Kauai Community College, we, the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at Kauai Community College (ASUH-KCC), urge you to vote in favor of SB 2803. SB 2803 allows students to have a say in the selection of their student regent. It also allows for the selection of the student member of the Regents Candidate Advisory Committee (RCAC) from a more qualified pool.

Currently, students do not have a significant role in the selection process of the student regent on the Board of Regents (BOR). We find this to be unfair and embrace the student advisory group provided for in SB 2803. The student advisory group would allow students to choose candidates they feel would represent us well.

We at ASUH-KCC also believe that some of the best candidates for the RCAC student position may be executive members of the University of Hawaii Student Caucus (UHSC). A term on the UHSC can familiarize students with the sometimes complicated issues that affect the UH system and also instruct them on the role the BOR plays. Typically, only the most dedicated, educated, and public-service oriented students become executive members. Therefore, we are glad to see that SB 2803 has considerably lessened the original mandated five year gap between a student's executive term and their eligibility for the RCAC.

The student regent position holds much significance to students. At present, there is only one regent that's a student on the BOR. This student regent effectively represents over 58,000 students. It is critical that this position is filled by a qualified student and not influenced by politics or chosen without great consideration. Indeed for such a critical position, effective, educated student input is a must. Please support students by voting "yea" on SB 2803.

Sincerely,

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In Support of SB 2803 pertaining to the Regent Council Advisory Committee

To the House Higher Education Committee:

Please vote "yes" on SB 2803. Currently, students have very little say in who their student regent is. This is especially ironic to me because as senator on Kauai Community College's student council and its first delegate on the University of Hawaii Student Caucus, I have been told numerous times to approach the student regent with any concerns I may have. Obviously, it is expected (on some level) that the student regent represents students. Yet as things stand now, the RCAC (a committee mostly removed from students) is the only officially sanctioned regent selection committee. This means that students do not have the authority to select the student regent, a person that is expected to represent them. This is unfair and undemocratic. SB 2803 would help ensure that students have a say in the selection process.

Additionally, SB 2803 would permit a student that has served on the executive board of the University of Hawaii Student Caucus (after a year's hiatus) to serve on the RCAC. I think that it is important for our executive Caucus members to have the opportunity to serve on the RCAC. These students are some of our finest student advocates. Oftentimes, our executive members are long-time Caucus members. Their enduring work on Caucus has helped educate them about the role of the regent and introduced them to the issues that affect students. Certainly it has done so for myself and my fellow student delegate on UHSC. SB 2803 helps ensure that the students that have a say in choosing our regent are in touch with the qualities we need in a good regent. Please support students by voting for SB 2803.

Mahalo for your kokua.

Sincerely,

Moksha McClure

ASUH-KCC Senator At-Large

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