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Testimony of
Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii

To the Senate Education Committee
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

GM627 Confirmation of **James P. Karins** to the
Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to nominate James P. Karins to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH). His term will end June 30, 2015.

Karins has an extensive background in conducting research and development as well as the business side of R&D. He has been involved in science, technology and engineering initiatives throughout his career including managerial and scientific positions at GE Aerospace, Mission Research Corporation and Littleton Data Systems. Karins moved to Hawaii in 1997 and founded several technology companies: Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc.; Pukoa Scientific, LLC, and Actilytics, Inc.

Karins is also a distinguished and productive scientist. He has a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Albany. He has published over 50 articles on materials and devices, semiconductor and optical fabrication techniques, infrared and hyperspectral optical systems, image processing, modeling and pattern recognition. He has five patents with two more patents pending.

Karins brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board of Directors of RCUH. His experience in science, management, and entrepreneurship will support the mission

of RCUH to support research, development and training at the University of Hawaii as well as in the state more generally.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request that you confirm James P. Karins to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i.

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From: B.E. Bennett

To: Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Re: GM 627 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES P. KARINS, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

Chairman and Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I offer my letter of support for James Karins, PhD, Governor Abercrombie's nomination to the RCUH Board of Directors. Dr. Karins' resume is impressive and clearly worthy of this appointment.

He is currently the President of Pukoa Scientific which develops image processing algorithms for the military and Actilytics, Inc. which develops image processing applications for security and home monitoring. He has a BS in Math and Physics, a Masters in Physics and a PhD in Physics concentrating in semiconductors, from the State University of New York at Albany. His career has focused on photonic applications for military, medical, environmental, and security applications. After having worked at both large and small companies, he has started four technology companies, three in Hawaii. One of these companies was recognized as the first technology company in Hawaii to make the Inc 500 list, one of the fastest growing companies in the United States. Another company was named the second fastest growing company in Hawaii by Pacific Business Magazine and last year was named the 529th fastest growing company in the US. Dr. Karins has published over 50 technical articles, has received 5 patents and has several more pending, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Dual-Use Subcommittee, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Science and Technology Council. Dr. Karins has had a key role in obtaining over \$100M in federal research contracts in his career and has worked with numerous faculty at several universities such as the University of Hawaii, Carnegie Mellon University, UCLA, Portland State University, Canterbury University New Zealand, and the Lund Institute Sweden.

I hope that you will agree that Dr. Karins would make a fine addition to the RCUH Board of Directors. He receives my strongest possible recommendation.

Sincerely,

B.E. Bennett

Chairman, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii Defense and Dual Use Technology Committee



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Written Statement of

Ian Kitajima
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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 13, 2011

1:15 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In Support of

GM 627 Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee James Karins to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii.

TO: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair; Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Education

FROM: Ian Kitajima, Director

RE: Testimony in Support of GM 627 Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee James P. Karins

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM 627, confirmation of nominee James P. Karins.

As the founder of Novasol, James brings many years of business experience in applied research from an industry perspective. He provided the leadership necessary to make the company one of the nation's fastest growing private companies (Inc. magazine, 2005). As the President and CEO of Pukoa Scientific, focusing on cutting edge pattern recognition technologies for defense and commercial use, he is constantly moving the tech industry forward in Hawaii, employing many local scientists and engineers in well paying positions. No matter how busy he gets, James always makes time to help the industry grow.

I believe that James can add great value to the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii because of his expertise in doing applied research for the federal government, as well as in transitioning research from the University into the commercial market.

You will not find a more capable person than James for the Board of Directors of the RCUH. Mahalo for the opportunity to share my testimony in support of James for your consideration.

Aloha,
Ian Kitajima