



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

BOARD OF REGENTS

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SB 1386, SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill 1386 SD1 HD1 statutorily changes the election of the Board of Regents' Chair and Vice Chair from the first Board of Regents' meeting of the academic year (June 30) to a Regents' meeting in the prior academic year (before July 1). It also provides the flexibility to elect up to two Vice Chairs.

The purpose of the change in election dates is to provide the incoming Board Chair and Vice Chair(s) with more time to prepare for their duties for the upcoming academic year and to handle certain responsibilities ahead of time, such as the scheduling of Board meetings, making committee and task group assignments, and working with the President and UH administration on preparing and implementing their academic year goals.

The purpose of the option of selecting a second Vice Chair is to have a Regent who would be able to fill in for meetings and other events that the Chair or first Vice Chair may not be able to attend, and to have another Regent to represent the Board should the need arise.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.