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The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: March 28, 2012, 1:15 p.m., Benjamin A. Kudo, U.H. Board of Regents, GM 814, Testimony for Advise and Consent

Dear Senators,

I write in support of Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Benjamin Kudo to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Ben personally for over 35 years and consider him a good friend and colleague in the legal profession. I know him to be an individual of uncompromising integrity and moral character. I have no doubt that his educational and professional experience will prove invaluable as a member of the Board of Regents.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 2012

To: The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair Members of the Senate COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: GM 814 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee BENJAMIN KUDO

DATE: Wednesday, March 28, 2012

TIME: 1:15 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 225 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

I humbly ask for your support and the support of your Committee members in considering the appointment of Mr. Benjamin Kudo o the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i,

I have known Mr. Kudo for more than twelve years both professionally and personally. I can speak to his good character, trustworthiness, high integrity and competence for the position and role he has been nominated for.

His extensive background in law, land planning and Hawaiian rights issues would help bring a well qualified and unique perspective to the Board of Regents.

Based on the foregoing, I highly recommend your favorable consideration of Mr. Kudo for the above position. He is a person who will provide a vision and energy to our State's future growth and prosperity.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully urge your Committee's **support** to confirm this nomination.

Sincerely, Ulu Ve. Lu

Peter M. Lee