

# GM815

## BARRY MIZUNO

Nomination to the University of  
Hawaii Board of Regents

Barry T. Mizuno

Questionnaire for Senate Committee on Education - GM#815

**1. Why did you decide to apply to serve on the Board of Regents?**

The University of Hawaii and Community Colleges around the state are of vital importance to all of us in Hawaii. The State University System must offer a quality education at an affordable price, and remain financially viable. I believe that my experience in the government and private sectors can be of benefit to the Board of Regents.

**2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of individual members and the overall role of the Board of Regents in regards to University decision-making?**

My home is the Big Island of Hawaii and I have been a long-time advocate for the University of Hawaii-Hilo, Hawaii Community College and the West Hawaii Campus. However, I am aware that my duty and responsibility as a Regent must now focus on the System-wide best interest of the University-Community College System. I am prepared to do this.

I believe the role of the Board of Regents is primarily policy making and not to micro-manage the system. It is the responsibility of the Board to assure compliance with policies established.

**3. Please identify one short and one long-term goal you would have as a Board of Regents member and how you would accomplish these during your term of service.**

My very first meeting as an interim Regent on the Board was on August 25, 2011. I realized very quickly how complex an organization the Board is responsible for. There is much to learn. My career for the past 41 years has been focused on accounting/finance, energy and management in the private and public sector and perhaps will be able to apply my experience to the University of Hawaii System.

My short-term goal is to learn as much as I can about the System and the various inter-relationships and complexities. In the long term, the University must not sacrifice a quality education to our students and continue to maintain financial viability of the institution, by balancing tuition and fees(including Scholarships and waivers), state subsidies/grants, federal grants, donor gifts and research grants. Operating expense must remain in check and be reasonable.

**4. In looking at the University's strategic plan and the goals laid out by President Greenwood for the University system, what particular areas are of interest to you and how will your particular skill set and experience contribute to the progress of the University system?**

President Greenwood has embraced the goals established through the strategic planning process. All the goals are important and progress measurable. This is important as we will be able to measure our successes and failures.

I grew up in a sugar plantation village on Kauai with parents possessing an 8th grade education. I am very fortunate that my parents recognized the value of a college degree and instilled in all the children the goal of a college education. They were adamant that a college degree was the key to a better life away from the plantation.

The goal of 55% of Hawaii's working age population with a college degree by 2025 to improve social, economic and environmental well being of current and future Hawaii generations is a worthy goal. The Board of Regents must continue to focus on this important goal.

**5. What will your approach be in helping to manage and balance the various sources of funding coming to the University?**

I believe that in order for the University System to achieve its goals, it must maintain a healthy Balance Sheet and be financially viable. The basic goal of providing a quality education at an affordable price can be achieved through well-managed expenses, balanced by all the various revenue sources, including tuition and fees. Obviously, revenue streams do not stay constant and will be affected by economic factors. We must remain diligent to these changes and adjust accordingly.

**6. How do you view the role of the system as it relates to the 10 campuses? Do you feel that the relationship as it exists now should be changed? How will you ensure equity of resources across all campuses?**

System goals establish the overall direction of the institution. Each of the 10 campuses must recognize the needs of their communities, incorporating them in their plans and keeping their goals in alignment. All campuses must work in parallel to assure economies of scale and producing outcomes for the betterment of our State.

Equity of resources is complex. The vetting of the campus budgets must consider the goals and objectives previously established when making allocations. Management will make their recommendations and the Board needs to review and approve a cohesive plan request to the Legislature that focuses on the highest priorities for each campus in the University System.

**7. While the University enjoys a fair amount of autonomy, the Legislature still plays a significant role in regards to funding, policies, and procedures. How do you view the relationship between the University and the Legislature and what factors are critical to ensure an effective and collaborative relationship.**

Undoubtedly the Hawaii State Legislature plays a very prominent role in funding the University. It is critically important that the Regents, working in concert with the University and in collaboration with the Legislature, develop plans and a vision for the future of the University System.

Communication between the bodies is essential to achieve an adequate level of understanding. It is essential that leadership maintain its credibility and professionalism. It is only through trust and honesty that effective and collaborative relationships can occur.

**8. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Regents? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?**

I have many business and social connections and conflict could certainly arise. Should I become aware of a conflict, I would immediately notify the chair and recuse myself of any participation in the matter before the Board.

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**TESTIMONY**

TESTIMONY  
OF  
BARRY T. MIZUNO  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
ON  
March 30, 2012

GM# 815

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, BARRY MIZUNO, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Committee on Education, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I wish to thank Governor Abercrombie for nominating me. I do consider it an honor and a privilege to be considered as a Regent of the University of Hawaii. Also, a big mahalo to everyone that submitted letters of support on my behalf.

Chair Tokuda previously requested written responses to some very comprehensive questions and I have complied, thus will not repeat myself.

I have been serving as the interim Regent since August of 2011. The University of Hawaii System is large and complex and I have much to learn.

I am kamaaina and grew up in Pakala Camp, just outside of Waimea, Kauai. My parents worked for the sugar plantation and both had eighth-grade educations. When I was in high school, my summers were spent in the sugar fields so I could help my parents save for my college fund. My parents had a way of instilling in each of the children the need to study hard so we could someday earn a college degree. They really did not care what profession we chose, but more importantly, that a college degree signified an escape from the plantation life.

The University of Hawaii System is very important to everyone in the State and must continue to offer a quality education to our students at an affordable price. A goal of the University is to have 55% of Hawaii's working age population with a college degree by 2025. This can only be achieved by maintaining the financial viability of the System by thoughtfully balancing our expenses with the various revenue sources, including tuition and fees. The University must maintain a healthy balance sheet.

I am a CPA by profession, and have spent the past 41 years in the field of accounting/finance, energy and management in the private and government sectors. While the last 19 years have been spent in the geothermal power business, I previously served Hawaii County as managing director and finance director under two Big Island mayors, and served as CFO of Hamakua Sugar Company. Prior to

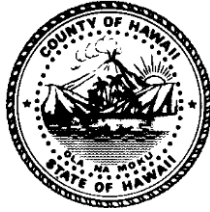
moving to the Big Island in 1983, I held positions with TheoDavies, Hawaiian Electric and Deloitte & Touche. Perhaps my experience can help the University achieve some of its goals.

Being a member of the Big Island community, I am currently involved with several non-profits or volunteer groups including the various Chambers, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, Hospice of Hilo's Capital Campaign, Mayor's Health Care Task Force, Mayor's Geothermal Working Group, and Hilo Hongwanji. I am a strong advocate for giving back to a community from which I have received so much from.

In closing, I would like to thank the Committee for the hard work you do for our benefit and for giving me the opportunity to testify today. Thank you for considering my nomination.

At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

**William P. Kenoi**  
*Mayor*



**William T. Takaba**  
*Managing Director*

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*Deputy Managing Director*

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March 20, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda  
Chairman, Senate Education Committee  
Hawai'i State Legislature  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96823

RE: Nomination of Mr. Barry Mizuno as a Regent of the University of Hawai'i

Aloha Chairman Tokuda and members of the Senate Education Committee,

The County of Hawai'i takes pride in supporting the re-confirmation of Mr. Barry Mizuno as a Regent of the University of Hawai'i. Mr. Mizuno has demonstrated his leadership in both the private and public sectors as well as his commitment to making his community a better place through his volunteer efforts.

Mr. Mizuno's work as on-site manager at Puna Geothermal Venture was critical to the establishment of the geothermal industry as an accepted source of energy for the County of Hawai'i. He has also served the public sector as Hawai'i County's managing director and finance director, and has also succeeded in the private sector as an officer of Hamakua Sugar Co. and as an employee of Theo H. Davies and HECO.

His volunteer efforts are diverse and highlighted by his efforts to raise \$10 million for Hospice of Hilo and his financial management of a \$16 million grant awarded to Hawai'i Island Beacon Community, which is using information technology to improve healthcare. He has also served on the county's Salary Commission, the Hawai'i Island United Way and a number of Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Mizuno displays integrity and moral character and I am proud to call him a friend. His continued leadership as a member of the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents would truly be an asset to the State of Hawai'i.

Please call my office at 961-8211 should you have any questions.

Mahalo

**Billy Kenoi**  
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March 30, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair  
and Members of the Senate  
Committee on Education  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Reference: Confirmation of Barry Mizuno to BOR – GM #815**

Hearing Date: March 30, 2012  
Hearing Time: 1:15 p.m.  
Room: 225, Hawaii State Capitol

Thank you for this opportunity to support the confirmation of Barry Mizuno as the Hawaii Island representative to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Mr. Mizuno both professionally and personally for twenty-four years and I consider it an honor to write on his behalf.

I first met Barry in 1988 when he served as the County Finance Director under Mayor Bernard Akana. He was later appointed Managing Director by Mayor Lorraine R. Inouye. In the four years that I had the pleasure of working with Barry, I found him to be a very bright and capable administrator. He was honest, fair, and unafraid to make tough decisions.

After his departure from County government, my career path, to some extent, followed Barry's. I became County Finance Director in 2000 and am currently Managing Director. To this day, I still remember the lessons learned from Barry Mizuno's tenure in these positions; and I hope his influence has made me a better leader today.

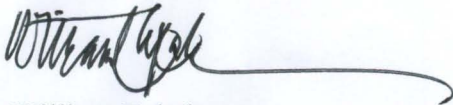
Although Barry left government service in 1992, we keep in touch and remain friends. He is totally committed to his family, his friends, and his community. Barry's family is his source of pride and inspiration, and this he puts above all else. He is also a trusted and caring friend, constantly seeking ways to help build a better community for everyone.



The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair,  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Education  
March 30, 2012  
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There is no question that Barry Mizuno will make an excellent member of the Board of Regents. His insight, creativity, and unique skills in the areas of finance and strategic planning will certainly serve as important assets in the growth and development of the University of Hawaii. I wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Barry Mizuno as a member of the Board of Regents. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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William Takaba  
Managing Director



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## LOCAL 142

Committee Chair Senator Jill Tokuda  
Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani.  
Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Clarence Nishihira,  
Brian Taniguchi, and Sam Slom.

Hearing Date: March 30, 2012

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Room 225

Reference: Confirmation of Barry Mizuno for BOR appointment - GM#815

Aloha! I am Wallace A. Ishibashi Jr., Business Agent for ILWU Local 142, Hawaii Division. I am writing today to give my full support and endorsement for Mr. Barry Mizuno as our new Board of Regent appointment.

The ILWU has always been active in the UH Hilo system. We truly believe that the UH is vital to the continued improvement of the quality of life here in beautiful Hawaii. Not only does it provide quality education second to none but as the economic engine that provides needed jobs and services to Hawaii County; its value added as it continues to grow. The living laboratory concept is special as we have Mauna Kea, our Ocean, Kilauea Volcano, Geothermal Energy that you will find only here on the Big Island.

To keep the momentum moving forward, we need the right people in the right positions to move the vision into the future. Mr Barry Mizuno is just the type of leader we need during these hard economic times to keep building bridges to facilitate the continued success of the UH Hilo programs and facilities. Barry is great at problem-solving and coming up with ideas that captures the imagination to think outside of the box. His people skills, happy attitude and being very approachable makes these attributes invaluable. I have known Barry for over 20 years and we served on many community boards together. Barry's genuine love for our community will keep him on track to move Hawaii's UH system into the future with a positive and beneficial outcome. Please give him a favorable vote of confidence to serve as our new member of the UH Board of Regents.

Mahalo for your time and special consideration in this matter.

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March 21, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda, Committee Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Confirmation of Barry Mizuno to BOR - GM#815

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani,

I am writing you as a business associate of Barry Mizuno who is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the position of Hawaii Island member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I have served on several non-profit boards and organizations in the community with Barry for over 10 years. He is very thorough, thoughtful, diligent and involved. His former experience in both government and private business combined with his community participation island-wide provide him with a strong understanding of the issues facing Hawaii Island.

Barry is a person of high integrity and moral character. To date, he has effectively served as Regent on an interim basis. He is good listener, has a sincere and clear understanding of the Hawaii Island community which will allow him to continue to be an effective East Hawaii Regent.

I strongly support Barry Mizuno's nomination as Hawaii Island member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. His knowledge, experience, leadership and willingness to serve our community is admirable.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta F. Chu  
Senior Vice President and Manager  
Hawaii Island Commercial Banking Center and Island Manager



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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Confirmation of Barry T. Mizuno for UH Board of Regents Appointment  
GM #815  
March 30, 2012, 1:15 PM, Room 225

Dear Senator Tokuda:

As president of KTA Super Stores and an active member of the Hawai'i Island community, I am pleased to offer testimony strongly supporting Barry T. Mizuno's appointment to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. As his impressive resumé indicates, Mr. Mizuno has achieved great success in both the private and public sectors, and he has also given tirelessly of his time and talents to numerous community organizations and activities. As one of two Regents from the island of Hawai'i, Mr. Mizuno would bring his vast experience and intimate knowledge of this island to the important work of the BOR.

If I may, I would like to add a few personal comments to what you might already know of this individual. I've had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Mizuno for well over 20 years, having met him shortly after he moved to Hawai'i Island. Our initial relationship was formed as we worked together on behalf of the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin. Over the years, we got to know each other better through other business and community endeavors.

Throughout it all, I can attest unequivocally that Mr. Mizuno is a highly intelligent person with a practical outlook. He is able to analyze all aspects of a situation before coming to a decision and doesn't simply "jump to conclusions." He is very calm and deliberate and works well with people. These are attributes that would certainly serve a member of the BOR well. Finally, Mr. Mizuno is a person that I highly respect, and I am confident that he will make a fine Hawai'i Island regent who will look after the best interests of the University of Hawai'i as a whole.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Barry T. Mizuno's appointment to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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Barry K. Taniguchi



Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Barry T. Mizuno's appointment to the UH Board of Regents

Dear Sen. Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am pleased to express my support for Barry T. Mizuno's appointment to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents (BOR). As president of Big Island Candies and an active member of the Hawai'i Island community, I have had numerous opportunities to get to know Mr. Mizuno over the years. He has achieved great success in both his business and community service work, and is widely respected by his peers.

Having served as a Hawai'i Island member and Chair of the BOR myself, I know from personal experience how great of a commitment is required to properly fill this post. Neighbor Island members must add travel time and expenses to the already formidable demands placed on members of the BOR. Mr. Mizuno has consistently demonstrated his commitment and reliability to whatever endeavor he undertakes.

I am confident that with his executive experience and steady, calm and rational approach to problem solving, Mr. Mizuno would be a positive influence on the BOR who would represent the Big Island well and serve the best interests of the University of Hawai'i as a whole.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Barry T. Mizuno's appointment to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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Allan Ikawa  
President and CEO

Hearing Date: March 30, 2012

Time of Hearing: 1:15 pm

Room: 225

Reference: Confirmation of Barry Mizuno to BOR – GM#815



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March 25, 2012

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Senator Jill Tokuda  
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
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Re:      Hearing Date: March 30, 2012  
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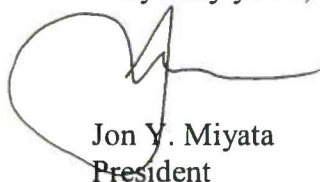
Dear Senator Tokuda:

As the President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, which represents member businesses, comprising over 7,000 employees, we were glad to learn that Mr. Barry Mizuno was nominated by Governor Abercrombie as a University of Hawaii Regent. As you may know, the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce provides leadership and advocacy for business, while also promoting economic well-being of our island community. Mr. Mizuno has certainly contributed to this mission and we know that he will do well in guiding our University System.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Mizuno on several boards and committees and can tell you that his thought process and collaborative style has helped many organizations improve, succeed and flourish. His years of experience, both in the public and private sectors, provides him with a keen ability to view things globally, which enables him to formulate sound policies and make proper decisions. I have often sought his advice as I know it will be honest, thoughtful and rational.

We strongly support Mr. Mizuno's nomination as a University of Hawaii Regent based on his character, knowledge, leadership and his desire to serve our community and the University.

Very truly yours,



Jon Y. Miyata  
President

March 19, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda  
Chair of the Senate Education Committee

**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING  
THE CONFIRMATION OF BARRY T. MIZUNO  
AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII**

Individual Testimony of  
**IVAN I. NAKANO**

Director of Dealership Operations  
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I am Ivan I. Nakano, Director of Dealership Operations of I. Kitagawa & Company, Ltd and its three automobile dealership operations representing Nissan, Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Barry T. Mizuno as a Board of Regent.

Barry T. Mizuno is an extraordinary individual who has succeeded in the private and public sectors and his reputation is impeccable. At the same time, he exemplifies the meaning of service to a community.

The University of Hawaii, Board of Regents will be fortunate to have Barry T. Mizuno bring his knowledge and expertise to effectively respond to the ever growing needs of the University.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Barry. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808) 934-5238.

Richard Ha  
President Hamakua Springs Country Farms

Reference; Confirmation of Barry Mizuno for Board of Regents appointment

Hearing date: Mar 30, 2012

Time: 1:15pm

Place: room 225

Senate Education Committee

Chair: Senator Jill Tokuda

Vice Chair: Michelle Kidani

Aloha Senators Tokuda and Kidani;

I give my highest possible recommendation that Mr Mizuno be appointed to the Board of Regents. He understands the Big Island, from the rubbah slippah folks to the shiny shoe folks, from astronomy to farming. He has an extensive network of acquaintances on the Big Island as well as in the state in general.

I have known Barry for more than ten years, through various business as well as community organizations.

He has a very solid core. And, he is very thoughtful. He will make an excellent regent and I recommend him very highly.

Mahalo  
Richard Ha



March 20, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda

Hearing Date: March 30, 2012

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Room 225

Reference: Confirmation of Barry Mizuno for BOR appointment – GM#815

Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda:

As a citizen of Hawaii Island, and as the current President of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii, and as the Secretary of Hawaii Island Economic Development Board and finally, and as the current Plant Manager of Puna Geothermal Venture, I was very pleased to learn that Barry Mizuno was appointed to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have personally known Mr. Mizuno since the early 1990's when Mr. Mizuno was in Hawaii Island County Government. We have experienced a mutual working relationship for over twenty years in the area of renewable energy production at the Puna Geothermal Venture facility. In addition, Mr. Mizuno and I have also mutually participated in various business and non-profit organizations, looking out for the small business community of Hawaii Island. Over the years, Mr. Mizuno has developed critical relationships with key decision makers in our community and state. These decision makers include, but are not limited to community leadership, developers, the utility, government, union officials and our elected officials.

On behalf of myself personally and the various organizations I am affiliated with, I very strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Mizuno for the Board of Regent appointment. The University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii would be getting a person of great humility, with business experience needed in these current economic times, coupled with Mr. Mizuno's very strong willingness to serve the community and University of Hawaii educational system.

Very Respectfully,



Michael L. Kaleikini

Citizen of Hilo, Hawaii

President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii

Secretary, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board

Plant Manager, Puna Geothermal Venture

**RICHARD HENDERSON**

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March 19, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda  
Chair Senate Education Committee  
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Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Barry T. Mizuno to BOR – GM#815

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you and to the members of your Committee in support of the nomination of Barry T. Mizuno as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Barry Mizuno for many years and can vouch for his intelligence and integrity. I am currently serving with him on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board. He has had an extensive career in business on the Island of Hawaii, serving as the chief financial executive of Hamakua Sugar, managing director of the County of Hawaii as well as the Director of Finance for the County of Hawaii and most recently as the owner's representative for Puna Geothermal Ventures.

Barry Mizuno is a well-respected member of the Big Island business community and will serve the University and the State well as a Regent.

I urge your favorable support of the confirmation of Barry T. Mizuno by the Senate.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda  
Chair, Education Committee  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda,

Subj: Nomination of Mr. Barry Mizuno to University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Education, I am writing in strong support of Mr. Barry Mizuno's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Mr. Mizuno personally and professionally for many years, through his service in both the public and private sectors. He will be an excellent addition to the Board of Regents. He will bring to the University, a strong background in finance, executive management, and project development, experience that will be very valuable to the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Mizuno's experience in executive management positions with the County of Hawaii, with Puna Geothermal Venture, and his contributions to community organizations like the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board will permit him to not only help the University, but when appropriate, advocate for the higher education needs of Hawaii Island.

I urge you and your committee to support his nomination.

Sincerely,



Maurice H. Kaya

James Arakaki

1039 Awele Place , Hilo, HI 96720

March 13, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda

Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 218

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Honorable Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee:

As a resident of Hilo, I support Barry Mizuno to be confirmed as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regent. Barry has been a strong supporter of the University of Hawaii system and as a resident of Hilo has actively supported University of Hawaii at Hilo through the various organization that he belongs to. All of his friends and acquaintances know Barry as an honorable man whose word is his bond and has served diligently as a board member of his church, Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin.

A Certified Public Account (CPA) he served as a Finance Director of the County of Hawaii during the term of Mayor Lorraine Inouye. He also served as the Manager of Puna Geothermal Venture and was responsible for increasing dependable geothermal energy use on the Big Island. He still serves as a consultant to PGV and is one of the most knowledgeable man in alternative energy production on Hawaii Island.

Without a doubt, Barry will be a great addition to the Board of Regent because he listens before he talks. He is a people person with an analytical mind trained for years as a CPA, serving in large corporations and government.

Yours truly,

  
James Arakaki

Citizen of Hilo

March 28, 2012

REFERENCE: CONFIRMATION OF BARRY MIZUNO FOR BOR APPOINTMENT – GM#815

Aloha members of the State Senate Education Committee:

We are submitting written testimony on behalf Mr. Barry Mizuno, a nominee to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents by Gov. Neil Abercrombie.

We first met Barry and his wife at the Pa'auilo Hongwanji Mission when he became the CFO of Hamakua Sugar Company. We were very impressed with Barry in the way he assimilated in the small plantation community. He became one of the most respected church members of Pa'auilo Hongwanji. He truly had makings of a real leader. Barry worked really hard at Hamakua Sugar to keep sugar alive on Hawaii Island.

In 2000 when Lorraine Inouye was elected Mayor, she selected Barry as her Managing Director. During that difficult time Barry did an outstanding job in helping Hawaii County turn its economy. Barry's leadership style is quiet and effective and he knows how to bring people together to solve many problems.

We witnessed Barry manage extremely volatile situations as the Owner Representative of Puna Geothermal Venture during the early development of geothermal energy in Puna. Because of his leadership style, the community, activist, and anyone who had something to say had their concerns heard. Today, most people support geothermal development. Barry's finest leadership traits brought everyone together.

Barry is also active in the business community. He served as the President of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii and as a Director of the Hawaii Island of Chamber of Commerce for many years. His words of wisdom and advice is greatly respected and appreciated by all.

In conclusion, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CONFIRMATION of BARRY MIZUNO as one of the members of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Mahalo!

*Roland & Jan Higashi*

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**From:** Ross Wilson [rossw@current-events.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 7:07 AM  
**To:** EDU Testimony  
**Subject:** Confirmation of Barry Mizuno to BOR - GM#815

Aloha!

I am writing to send in supportive testimony regarding Barry Mizuno's nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

Hearing Date: March 30, 2012  
Time of hearing: 1:15 p.m.  
Room: 225  
Reference: Confirmation of Barry Mizuno to BOR - GM#815

I grew up on the Big Island in Hilo and attended Hilo High School, UH Hilo, Hawaii Community College and graduated from the University of Hawaii Manoa.

I owe my successes in life to my education and credit the University of Hawaii system.

I continue to be active in supporting the University of Hawaii Hilo, Hawaii Community College and the soon-to-be-built Hawaii Community College Palamanui Campus in Kona.

I always review the nominees to the University's Board of Regents with a critical eye hoping for the best qualities, experience and skill sets to ensure that these individuals can set the path for greater higher education access for our Hawaii residents.

I have known, worked, and collaborated with Barry Mizuno over 20 years on the Big Island. He is committed to excellence in education and has the education, background, experience and skill set to make a difference.

Please join me in supporting Barry Mizuno and confirming his nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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Statement in Support of  
Confirmation of Barry Mizuno to Board of Regents  
GM #815  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - 1:15 p.m.  
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Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

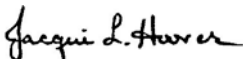
On behalf of Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC) and Hawaii Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), please accept this statement of support for the appointment of Mr. Barry Mizuno to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

As Mr. Mizuno is an active member of both organizations (and serves as a Director on the board of HIEDB), I have the privilege of working very closely with him. Additionally, I previously had the privilege of working with Mr. Mizuno when he served on the Board of the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority where I was the Director of Administration and Special Projects Manager. As we are also both members of the State's Geothermal Working Group, I have witnessed first-hand Mr. Mizuno's commitment to and support of, education initiatives from early childhood through higher education.

Beyond his business acumen, wealth of experience and expertise in renewable energy technology, I am particularly impressed with Barry's ability to see beyond the obvious. He has a profound ability to focus on long-range results that bring both qualitative and quantitative outcomes, which I believe are what we strive for our university and residents respectively and collectively.

I humbly request your approval of Mr. Mizuno's appointment to the Board of Regents so that we may continue to benefit from his mana`o and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacquie L. Hoover,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
Friday, March 30, 2012  
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 225

**GM 815** – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, Barry Mizuno, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Maurice Morita and I am the assistant director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting testimony in “**strong support**” of Barry Mizuno to be a Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Barry Mizuno since we attended the same college in the State of Washington many years ago. I have followed Barry's career on the Big Island of Hawaii, and is very impressed with what he has accomplished since we graduated from college.

Barry Mizuno is qualified to be a Board of Regent of the University of Hawaii and will be a very important contributing member because of his experiences.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.