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Friday, April 13, 2012, 1:15 PM State Capitol Room 225

Testimony of Honorable Neil Abercrombie Governor, State of Hawaii

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

GM 838

Consideration and Confirmation of Francisco Hernandez to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

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

I am pleased to nominate Francisco Hernandez to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. His term will end on 6/30/2013.

Hernandez is the Vice Chancellor of Students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Previously, he served as Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Dean of Student Life and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UC Berkeley. He also held a number of positions elsewhere in secondary and post-secondary school programs in California.

Hernandez is a staunch supporter for students to access and succeed in higher education. He currently represents Hawaii on a WICHE committee and serves on the Atherton YMCA Board of Managers, as well as the College Success Council Steering Committee.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request that you confirm Francisco Hernandez to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.