

GM 635

Testimony

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ**,
for a term to expire 6-30-2017

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The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.

By

Francisco J. Hernandez, Vice Chancellor for Students
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**GM 635: Consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate
Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) - Gubernatorial Nominee, for a
term to expire 6-30-2017**

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee,
thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me.
It is an honor to be asked to represent the State of Hawai'i on this
important Commission.

I am keenly aware of the benefits Hawai'i receives by
participating in the different programs sponsored by WICHE.

I was a member of the Executive Committee of WCET (WICHE
Cooperative for Educational Technologies) which is one of the
organization's major programs.

I have served as the Vice Chancellor for Students at UH Mānoa
for the past six years. This position has provided me with
opportunities to learn about the many strengths of Hawai'i's

institutions of higher education. It has also given me an awareness of the challenges these institutions will face in the future.

I have gained valuable and relevant experience by serving on the following boards:

Hawai'i:

- Charter School Review Panel (Member);
- Steering Committee for the Hawai'i Virtual Learning Network (Member);
- Board of Directors, YMCA-Atherton Branch (Member);

National:

- Monterey Institute for Technology in Education (Advisor);
- National Laboratory for Education Transformation (Advisor);
- Board of Directors for the North American Council for Online Learning (Founding Member and Chair)

In addition I have served on several committees for the University system that have given me insight into developing areas in higher education, including the growing use of technology to benefit students. I believe that I can be a good representative for the State of Hawai'i and for higher education as a member of this Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.



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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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Thursday, March 7, 2013, 2:45 PM
Conference Room 414
State Capitol

Testimony of
NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

To the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

GM 635
Consideration and Confirmation of Francisco Hernandez
To the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, 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 6/30/2017.

Hernandez is the Vice Chancellor for 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 education programs in California.

Hernandez is a strong supporter of student access to higher education in the greater community. His service to students is exemplified by his participation in the Steering Committee for the Hawaii Virtual Learning Network, and as a member of the YMCA Atherton Branch Board of Directors.

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



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented to the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 7, 2013 at 2:45pm

by
Linda K. Johnsrud
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
University of Hawai'i System

GM 635 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Western Interstate
Commission for Higher Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCISCO
HERNANDEZ, for a Term to expire June 30, 2017

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee:

I am pleased to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Francisco Hernandez as Commissioner on the WICHE commission. Dr. Hernandez has served as Vice Chancellor for Students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa since 2006, and in that capacity, has earned the respect of the entire community for his tireless advocacy on behalf of students. Hawai'i will be well presented on the WICHE Commission if the Senate confirms his nomination.

Dr. Hernandez has broad responsibilities for UHM students in his current assignment, including student life and wellness, retention and graduation, student development, student special services, and enrollment management. My personal interaction with him has been as a result of the many system wide committees on which he serves, including the Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers, BANNER Advisory Committee, Distance Learning Advisory Committee, and the P-20 College Access Steering Committee. In all of these capacities, Dr. Hernandez has shown himself to be thoughtful, articulate, and passionate about the access and success of students in higher education. Moreover, he brings considerable expertise in working with K-12 to ensure that students are prepared to enter college. His work in developing on-line academic support services to high school students, in both California and Hawai'i, is particularly noteworthy.

WICHE provides significant benefits to Hawai'i residents seeking higher education in the western region as well as those seeking professional degrees that are unavailable in Hawai'i. These opportunities simply would not be available without the commitment of the Commissioners representing the fifteen states. Dr. Hernandez brings the right mix of skills and dedication to this appointment; that is, he is committed to collaboration, enthusiastic about the transformative power of education, and capable of working effectively with diverse points of view.

The fact that Dr. Hernandez has prior experience in serving as a WICHE Commissioner representing California is fortuitous—he clearly understands the time commitment and the nature of the work, and Hawai'i will capitalize on the expertise he brings to the position.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Dr. Hernandez's nomination. As representative of the University of Hawai'i, let me say that we heartily support his confirmation.



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Thursday March 7, 2013

Testimony in support of GM 635 Francisco Hernandez for WICHE
Submitted by Dr. Amy Agbayani, Director

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee

I am taking this opportunity to express my professional and personal support for Dr. Francisco Hernandez's nomination to WICHE. As my direct supervisor in student affairs at Manoa, I have had countless opportunities to work with Dr. Hernandez on many complex issues and am very impressed with his knowledge and experience with Hawaii lower education and post-secondary higher education data and policy issues. He also has extensive experience in higher education at the national level. Dr. Hernandez has a proven excellent track record working collaboratively with students, faculty and community groups. He has consistently supported partnerships and policies for equal access and success for all students.

I strongly endorse Vice Chancellor for Students, Francisco Hernandez and am confident he will continue to be a very competent and articulate Hawai'i representative to WICHE. Dr. Hernandez will work hard to assure our state benefits from WICHE programs and policies.



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Twenty-Seventh Legislature, 2013
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TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Higher Education

DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2013

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 414
Hawai'i State Capitol

FROM: Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Ph.D., Kamehameha Schools

RE: **GM 635** Confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Francisco Hernandez to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Dr. Hernandez has served as the Vice Chancellor for Students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa since August, 2006. In this position he oversees admissions, financial aid, housing services, counseling services, student health services, student government, and a set of specialized services for target groups including low-income and minority students. He also oversees a special project to provide online tutoring to high school students.

Dr. Hernandez has demonstrated an uncompromising devotion to public service, a deep understanding of the educational needs of the people of Hawaii and a willingness to serve. Please confirm his nomination.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is a statewide educational system supported by a trust endowed by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian children through education. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Legislature, the Department of Education and other public and private stakeholders in the community for the benefit of the children of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Hernandez.

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Comments:

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Luoluo Hong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dr. Hernandez's qualifications and professional experiences make him the ideal individual from our higher education system to serve in this role. He is extremely well-versed in the applicable policy issues as they affect college student access and success, and he is a capable, tactful advocate on behalf of all 10 campuses of the UH. I have full confidence that he will always act/decide with the best interests of college students, present and future, in mind. I cannot think of a better nominee for representation on this commission!

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Written Testimony
The Senate Committee on Higher Education
Friday, March 07, 2013 at 2:45 pm
By
Dr. Lori M. Ideta

GM 635 CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

While I am a proud three-time alum and employee of the University of Hawai'i, today, I present this written testimony as a private citizen.

I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Francisco J. Hernandez at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the past six years. Dr. Hernandez currently serves as the Vice Chancellor for Students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. As an effective administrator and educator, Dr. Hernandez brings a multitude of skills to his current position. Having had decades of experience in both private and public institutions in California, Dr. Hernandez is the perfect candidate to continue to serve as a commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. I believe strongly that Dr. Hernandez will represent Hawai'i well as a commissioner for WICHE.

I give Dr. Francisco J. Hernandez my wholehearted support to serve as a WICHE commissioner. I strongly urge you to confirm Dr. Francisco J. Hernandez to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Thank you for your consideration.

To: Senate Committee on Higher Education
Chair Taniguchi
Vice Chair Kahele

Aloha,

I would like to submit my highest consideration for Francisco Hernandez for the WICHE. I have witnessed his keen ability to build programs that benefit the students of many interests, particularly under-represented students at the University of Hawaii. I have had many discussions with him on his ideas on civic engagements and student participation, in all those vigorous discussions, the student's well-being has always been at his deepest interest.

I have no doubt that he will excel and always represent the deepest form of aloha to both the University and commission that he will represent.

Please consider Francisco Hernandez for this most important commission.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at acido@hawaii.edu

Mahalo for your time,

Jeffrey Tangonan Acido

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Lucy Arellano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to wholeheartedly support the motion of Dr. Francisco Hernandez continuing as a representative of Hawai'i within WICHE. His service to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa exemplifies a commitment to student success. The coalition of 15 states that make up the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education have lots to gain from the experience of Dr. Hernandez. The drive, dedication, and passion he brings to the table day in and day out are exactly what the state should expect from the selected commissioner.

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