

GM 712

Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, **BARRY MIZUNO**, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

TESTIMONY
OF
BARRY T. MIZUNO
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION
ON
April 2, 2013

G.M. 712

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, BARRY T. MIZUNO, for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

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

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

Chair Taniguchi requested written responses to some very comprehensive questions to which I have complied, thus will not repeat myself.

I have been serving as a Regent since August of 2011, and was confirmed for a one-year term starting July 1, 2012.

I have resided on the Big Island of Hawaii since 1983, but was born and raised on the Gay & Robinson Sugar Plantation on Kauai. My parents both worked for the Robinsons and we lived in Pakala Camp.

Both my parents only completed the 8th grade and went to work to help support large families. My parents struggled financially, but insisted that their children would go to college, no ifs ands or buts. The three siblings did in fact go to college and each pursued different professional paths.

My parents understood the value of higher education and the many opportunities for a better lifestyle. I share this value with my parents and would like to contribute my time and effort to help keep the University of Hawaii System one of the finest institutions of higher learning while allowing future generations of "rubber slipper" folks like me to open new opportunities for a better 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 43 years in the field of accounting/finance, energy, and management in the private and government sectors. The last 22 years in the renewable energy field, with primary focus on geothermal energy. I previously served Hawaii County as managing director and finance director under two mayors, and served as CFO of Hamakua Sugar Company with Franny Morgan. Prior to moving to Hawaii Island, I had various management positions with TheoDavies, Hawaiian Electric, and Deloitte & Touche. I retired at the end of 2012.

Being a member of our community, I am currently involved with several non-profits or volunteer groups, including the Hawaii Island Chamber and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, Mayor's Health Care Task Force, and Hilo Hongwanji. I co-chaired the \$10 million community capital campaign for a new Hospice of Hilo in-care facility. I am a strong proponent of giving back to the community.

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 you may have.

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



Walter K.M. Lau
Managing Director

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March 27, 2013

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chairman
Senate Higher Education Committee
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 414
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM712 Nomination of Mr. Barry Mizuno as a Regent of the University of Hawai'i

Dear Chairman Taniguchi and committee members,

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.

His professional career in both the private and public sectors have been outstanding and has contributed much to where we are as an island economy and where we are headed. From his experience in managing the development of geothermal energy into a low cost, safe and desired form of alternative energy to overseeing the both the operational and fiscal resources of the County of Hawai'i will bring unique and valuable insight to the Board of Regents.

In addition, his contribution and experience as a volunteer speaks volumes to the commitment he has to the well-being of our community. His broad involvement includes healthcare, business organizations, county commissions, church organization and the Hawai'i Island United Way.

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
MAYOR

March 23, 2013

Senator Brian Taniguchi
Senate Higher 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

I. Kitagawa & Co., Ltd.

IK Motors, Inc, Kamaaina Nissan, Inc. Kona Auto Center, Inc.

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 on Hawaii Island. 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 is 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 directly at (808) 934-5238 or my contact email address at ivan.nakano@ikitagawa.com.

From: Carol VanCamp [cvancamp3@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2013 7:37 PM
To: HRETestimony
Subject: Supporting the Confirmation of Barry Mizuno for BOR Position

On behalf of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii, I would like to strongly encourage your support for the nomination of Barry Mizuno on the UH Board of Regents. Barry is a past president of our organization, and has been a major contributor of his time and business/financial expertise to not only our Chamber, but also many other organizations throughout our island and state. He well respected by everyone who has known or worked with him, and would bring an objective, knowledge-based perspective to the board and its work. He led Puna Geothermal Venture through their start-up and early years, and helped them to become a major producer of alternative energy for our island.

It is with great pride that we support his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Carol A. VanCamp, Government Affairs Chair, JCCIH
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From: Richard Ha [richard@hamakuasprings.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2013 8:37 PM
To: HRETestimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of Barry Mizuno's appointment to the UH Board of Regent.

To whom it may concern.

I vigorously approve of the appointment of Barry Mizuno for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I have known Barry for many years as a board member of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board and in other venues. He is very competent, measured and decisive in his decision making. I cannot recommend him more highly

Richard Ha
President
Hamakua Springs Country Farms

From: Sharlene Kunitake [kunitake@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 10:46 AM
To: HRETestimony
Subject: Nomination of Barry Mizuno to the UH Board of Regent

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Dear Members of the Committee

I strongly support the nomination of Barry Mizuno to the UH Board of Regents. This testimony is submitted for the hearing to be held on April 2, 2013 at 2:45 in room 414 - GM 712.

I have known Barry for many years through the various organizations we served on the Big Island. I have always admired his many good qualities as a professional as well being a quality human being. He is always a very dedicated person in whatever role he held. He approaches hard issues head-on with great promptness and with common sense proposed actions or solutions.

As a former accounting faculty at UH Manoa, a former Director of the UH West Hawaii campus, and former faculty at The Pennsylvania State University, I believe I understand the kind of professional person needed to serve on our University Board. I strongly believe that Mr. Mizuno would fit that position very well.

In a recent UH Administration meeting with the West Hawaii community members on the development of the West Hawaii Palamanui campus, Mr Mizuno attended and observed the dire higher educational needs there. I believe that it was through his efforts that the UH Board addressed and approved the funding of the shortfall to proceed with the Palamanui construction project. This is just one example of Barry's contribution to the community.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in support of Mr Mizuno's nomination to the UH Board of Regents. As a Board member, I believe he will help make us UH proud.

Sincerely,

Walter Kunitake



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Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM-712 In support of Barry T. Mizuno's appointment to the UH Board of Regents
April 2, 2012, 2:45 PM, Room 414

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

As president of KTA Super Stores and an active member of the Hawai'i Island community, I am pleased to offer testimony strongly supporting the appointment of Barry T. Mizuno 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. In completing the term of Hawai'i Island's previous regent, Mr. Mizuno demonstrated his intimate knowledge of this island and his ability to complete the important work of the BOR.

From a personal perspective, 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 have gotten to know each other better through various business and community endeavors.

Throughout it all, I can attest 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. Finally, Mr. Mizuno is a person that I highly respect, and I am confident that he will continue to be a fine regent from Hawai'i Island 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 reappointment to a full term on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry K. Taniguchi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barry K. Taniguchi, President
KTA Super Stores

William T. Takaba

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April 2, 2013

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
and Members of the Senate
Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Room 219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Reference: Nomination of Barry Mizuno to UH BOR – GM #712

Hearing Date: April 2, 2013
Hearing Time: 2:45 p.m.
Location: Room 414, Hawaii State Capitol

Thank you for this opportunity to support the nomination 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 over twenty-four years and consider it an honor to write on his behalf.

I first met Barry in 1988 when he served as Hawaii County Finance Director under then-Mayor Bernard Akana. At the time, I was the Director of the County's Office of Aging. When Lorraine Inouye was elected Mayor in 1990, Barry was appointed Managing Director and I the Finance Director. We served in these jobs for two years.

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 difficult decisions. His decisions were always well thought-out and certainly in the best interests of the County and the people it served.

In 1992 Barry was hired as the onsite manager for Puna Geothermal Venture ("PGV"). After his departure from the County, my career path in the County followed Barry's – becoming Finance Director again in 2000 and Managing Director in 2008 (retiring in December 2012). To this day, I remember the lessons learned from Barry Mizuno's tenure with the County; and hope that his influence enabled me to become a better person and administrator.

Although Barry left County service in 1992, we still keep in touch and remain good friends. He is now retired and totally committed to his family and community. A Certified Public Accountant, Barry co-chairs Hospice of Hilo's \$10 million capital campaign, is treasurer for Hawaii Island Beacon Community, serves on the Mayor's Healthcare Sustainability Task Force and Geothermal Energy Working Group; the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board; the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of

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and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
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Hawaii; and the W.H. Shipman, Ltd. He is very active with the Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, holding various leadership positions.

Barry also served as a member of the County's Salary Commission; Hawaii Island United Way; Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA); and High Technology Development Corporation.

There is no question that Barry Mizuno will continue to serve as an excellent Hawaii Island member of the UH Board of Regents in overseeing its 10 campuses statewide. He currently serves as chair of its Planning and Facilities Committee, vice-chair of the Committee on University Audits, and member of the Committees on Community Colleges and Budget and Finance. Barry's insight, creativity, and unique skills in the areas of finance, strategic planning, and leadership will definitely 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 UH Board of Regents. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

William Takaba

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March 22, 2013

Senate Higher Education Committee
C/O Senator Brian Taniguchi
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Via email: Susan Miyao S.Miyao@capitol.hawaii.gov

**Subject: GM – 712, Meeting – April 2, 2013, Room 414
Letter of Recommendation in Support of
Nomination of Barry T. Mizuno,
University of Hawaii Board of Regents**

This letter is in support of Mr. Barry T. Mizuno's nomination to the University of Hawaii, Board of Regents. I have known Barry for more than forty years dating back to his days as an accountant at the Hawaiian Electric Company. To this date his unwavering character is the epitome of being a "True Gentleman".

My interaction with Barry includes the following:

1) Barry was an initial member of the original Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.'s Integrated Resource Planning Committee in the 1990s. As the Manager of Puna Geothermal Venture he provided input to the utility's planning process to which I led for more than ten years. Barry always came prepared to review the voluminous information that was presented to help decide on a least cost plan which included economic, environmental, societal and cultural values. He was easy to talk to and worked well with all community representatives and other special interest participants.

2) In his capacity as the 2001 President of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii he guided the Chamber in proactively supporting the many business, economic, social and health issues that

affected our community. He stayed true to the Chamber's guiding principles of "Okage Sama De" (I am what I am because of you.) and "Kahiau" (giving without expectation of anything in return). Barry remains a Director of the Chamber and continues to provide guidance to those that currently lead the organization. As the 1997 Past President and current Director, I have maintained my business and Chamber relationship with Barry in support of the many causes, challenges and opportunities that impact our community and Hawaii Island and know that his interests are genuine.

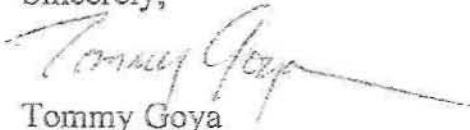
Of particular interest, the appropriate development of the University of Hawaii Hilo has been and continues to be a focal initiative for the Chamber. And, through his involvement and exposure Barry is well aware of what needs to be done to set the stepping stones for a clearer vision for not only the University of Hawaii Hilo but also the University of Hawaii system.

3) Throughout the years we have served together on many committees and organizations. To his credit and recognition, his personal integrity reflects his humble nature and caring ways. He is looked upon as a leader not only in Hilo but throughout Hawaii Island. His expertise in electric energy sources and resources is an asset in planning decisions that need to be made to move Hawaii to a more sustainable society. His business acumen and accounting background insures that the right questions will be asked and acted upon.

It is my honor to recommend that Barry T. Mizuno be confirmed as a University of Hawaii Regent. As a tenured member of the Board of Regents you can be assured that his knowledge and leadership abilities will help move the University of Hawaii to become a more recognized premier institution of higher learning in the Pacific region.

If you have any questions, I will be happy to provide you more information in support of his nomination. Mahalo for your consideration of my letter of endorsement.

Sincerely,



Tommy Goya

Senate Higher Education Committee

Hearing Date: April 2, 2013

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Senate Higher Education Committee Room 414

Reference: Confirmation of Barry Mizuno for UH Hilo BOR appointment - GM#712

Aloha Senators ,

I am Wallace A Ishibashi Jr , Retired Division Director 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.

We have 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 capture the imagination to think outside of the box. His people skills and 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 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 26, 2013

Honorable Brian Taniguchi
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

**Subject: GM 712 University of Hawaii Board of Regents Nominee -
Barry T. Mizuno**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2013
Time: 2:45 PM
Place: Conference Room 414
State Capitol

I humbly ask for your support in considering the re-appointment of Mr. Barry T. Mizuno as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Mr. Mizuno for many years, both professionally and socially, and have found him to be a person of high integrity and moral character. As a former County of Hawaii Managing Director and Finance Director, as well as a successful businessman and dedicated community and church leader, he has always conducted himself in the most professional and caring manner.

His extensive background and knowledge of the workings of government, business, and the community will definitely be a valuable asset to the University of Hawaii. I truly believe that the university family and the State of Hawaii will benefit from the reappointment of Mr. Mizuno to the Board of Regents.

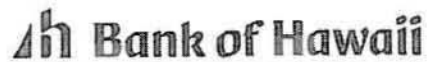
Thank you for the opportunity to express my endorsement and support for Mr. Mizuno.

Sincerely,

Norman Hayashi

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March 25, 2013

Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Higher Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street #219
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Barry Mizuno Confirmation/GM 712 April 2, 2013 2:45pm Room 414

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Higher Education Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Barry Mizuno's confirmation to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. Barry has represented the Big Island admirably, finishing up the term of former Regent Harvey Tajiri and truly deserves to be confirmed for a full term.

Barry and I have known each other for over 20 years and I have known him to be very intelligent, honest, dependable, amicable and of the highest integrity. We served together on several boards such as, but not limited to the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii. Barry succeeded me as President of the Japanese Chamber where I had the opportunity to interact with him very closely for several years. During that time I was able to observe, first-hand, the qualities mentioned earlier.

Barry is an active member of our community and is very well-respected. I humbly ask for your support in confirming this very qualified individual to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Taniguchi', written over a faint circular stamp.

Art Taniguchi
Senior Vice President and Regional Manager

James Arakaki

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March 23, 2013

Senator Brian Taniguchi and Members (Higher Education Committee)

Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 219

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM-712 (Confirmation of UH Board of Regents)

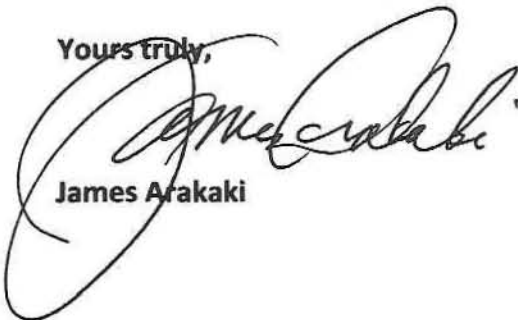
Honorable Brian Taniguchi and members of the Higher Education Committee:

As a resident of Hilo, I support Barry Mizuno to be confirmed as a member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. 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 organizations that he belongs to. All of his friends and acquaintances know Barry as a 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 and also as Managing Director of the County. He also served as the Manager of Puna Geothermal Venture and was responsible for increasing dependable geothermal energy use of 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 serve his full term as a Regent with honor and distinction because he listens before he speaks. He is a people person with an analytical mind trained for years as a CPA, serving large corporations and government. The best thing about Barry is that he is a man of great character, someone you can count on.

Yours truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Arakaki', is written over the typed name below.

James Arakaki

RICHARD HENDERSON

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March 27, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Chairman Senate Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 9681

Senator Gilbert Kahele
Vice-Chairman Senate Education Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Barry T. Mizuno to BOR – GM 712, April 2, 2013 at 2:45pm Room 414.

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,



March 26, 2013

Senate Committee on Higher Education
Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Honorable Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

Re: April 2, 2:45 pm hearing, GM 712
Room 414

Support for Regent Barry Mizuno

Aloha, Senator Taniguchi, Senator Kahele and members of the Higher Education
Committee:

I offer strong support for Barry T. Mizuno to continue serving our state as a
regent for the University of Hawai'i system. I have known Mr. Mizuno for a
number of years, working with him in a business setting (for Puna Geothermal
Venture) and in business community service as part of the boards of both Hawai'i
Island Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce &
Industry of Hawai'i, on the community capital campaign for the Hospice of Hilo
and on the Hawai'i Island Mayor's Healthcare Task Force.

Mr. Mizuno has always brought clear-headed counsel to the table. His
understanding of finance is particularly valuable in all these settings.

He is one of those who sits back and listens, so that when he speaks, his thoughts
or position are informed and useful.

He does not have an overblown ego.

I believe firmly that he is the kind of citizen needed to serve and help direct our
University system.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Hastings

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Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

March 27, 2013

Senator Brian Taniguchi
Office of Senator Brian Taniguchi
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 219
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Taniguchi:

On behalf of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii, we would like to strongly encourage your support for the nomination of Mr. Barry T. Mizuno to the University of Hawaii - Board of Regents.

Barry is a past president of our organization, and has been a major contributor of his time and business/financial expertise to not only our Chamber, but also many other organizations throughout our island and state.

Mr. Mizuno is a very well respected individual in the business community. He brings an objective, knowledge-based perspective to the board and its work. He has served within the Hawaii County as a managing and finance director during two administrations. For the past 20 + years, Barry has managed Puna Geothermal Venture through their start-up and early years, and helped them to become a major producer of alternative / renewable energy for the Big Island.

It is with great pleasure that we support his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Jon J. Arizumi
President
Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

April 1, 2013

Senator Brian Taniguchi

Hearing Date: April 2, 2013

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Room 414

**Reference: Confirmation Hearing for Mr. Barry Mizuno to the University of Hawaii
Board of Regents - GM #712**

Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi and honorable members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

As a citizen of Hawaii Island, and as a former colleague and friend of Mr. Barry Mizuno, I am very pleased that Mr. Barry Mizuno has been nominated to serve as a Regent 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. Between 1992 and 2006, we were colleagues employed by Puna Geothermal Venture. 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 and community in general 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, government, developers, the utility, union officials and our elected officials.

The University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii would be in receipt of a person of great humility, with the highest regards towards education, with the business experience needed in these current economic times, coupled with Mr. Mizuno's very solid willingness and dedication to serve the community and University of Hawaii educational system.

On behalf of myself and the various organizations I am affiliated with, I offer the utmost support for the confirmation of Mr. Mizuno to the Board of Regent.

Very Respectfully.



Michael L. Kaleikini

Citizen of Hilo, Hawaii

Immediate Past President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii

Secretary, Hawaii Island Economic Development Board

Senior Director for Hawaiian Affairs - PGV/Ormat

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Senate Committee on Higher Education
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Sen. Gibert Kahele, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 2, 2013
3:00 PM
Conference Room 414

Re: Support GM712

Aloha Chair Taniguchi and Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members.

My name is Glenn Ida, I support GM 712, submitting for consideration and confirmation to of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, Barry Mizuno, for a term to expire 6-30-18.

Mr. Mizuno has an impressive professional profile. He has experience in large budget money management in both the Public and Private sectors.

I believe that Mr. Mizuno will be an asset to the UH Board of Regents and do his best to represent the County of Hawai'i.

Therefore, I support GM712 and ask for favorable consideration of Nominee Barry Mizuno.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Testimony of Clyde T. Hayashi
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Tuesday, April 2, 2013
3:00 p.m., Conference Room 414

GM 712 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, Gubernatorial Nominee, BARRY MIZUNO, for a term to expire 6-30-2018

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the 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 this testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Barry Mizuno to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Hawaii LECET and the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 have supported the growth and development of UH-Hilo. It provides needed educational opportunities for our 400 plus Laborers' Union members and their families.

I have known Mr. Mizuno for several years and have worked with him on a number of Hawaii Island projects. He is very involved in many community efforts and has worked well with different groups.

UH-Hilo has an excellent relationship with the Hawaii Island community and I have been extremely impressed with the support the community provides to UH-Hilo. For the short time that Mr. Mizuno has served on the UH Board of Regents, I feel that he has been an excellent Hawaii County representative. He believes in the potential of UH-Hilo, clearly knows the critical importance of UH-Hilo to Hawaii Island, and is keenly aware of the opportunities that UH-Hilo provides.

From my discussions with Mr. Mizuno, he is also very knowledgeable of the UH system and very passionate in his support for the entire UH system.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of Barry Mizuno's nomination.



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Dear Senator Taniguchi & Members,

RE: **Support of GM712**
Nomination of Barry T. Mizuno as a Regent for the University of Hawaii

I have had the pleasure of knowing Barry Mizuno for approximately 18 years. I first made his acquaintance as a regular commuter traveling between Hawaii Island and Oahu for business. He was gracious and welcoming of my families move to East Hawaii. He shared his local knowledge freely.

I later served on volunteer boards with Barry. His wisdom is obvious but the greatest benefit is his kind and gentlemanly manner to educate others of the true facts at hand. His ability to sort through details to discern the real data that needs to be considered for decision making is invaluable to leadership of these organizations.

The one very special memory I have of knowing Barry was when I listed a home for a Kapuna in his neighborhood. I told him of the pending sale prior to any marketing activity. Barry knew the lady and her family well. She was a very active volunteer at his Hongwanji. He shared with me her special gifts she provided and her background as one of the first women leaders in education in East Hawaii and then statewide. This proved invaluable in my ability to help this family with the transition of their mother from the family home to a senior facility on another island.

I share this story because it is a perfect example of Barry's sensitivity to the people around him and how to he gives 110% of himself to others. The citizens of Hawaii will be blessed to have such a quality person serving them as a Regent of The University of Hawaii. Please confirm this appointment without hesitation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

With Aloha,

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