

SB 732

Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Report Title: Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii; Board of Directors

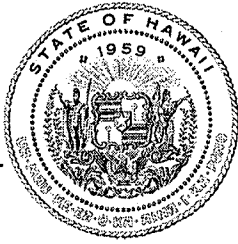
Description: Adds the director of business, economic development, and tourism, or the director's designee, to the board of directors of the research corporation of the University of Hawaii.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HRE

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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Tuesday, February 12, 2013
3:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414
in consideration of

SB 732
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports SB 732, which adds the director of DBEDT to the Board of Directors of RCUH. DBEDT supports the important role that RCUH plays in facilitating the University's innovation initiative. The University has increased the amount of research dollars to Hawaii and funded new intellectual property that supports the growth of Hawaii's economy.

DBEDT defers to other appropriate state agencies for further comments on this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this bill.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Higher Education
February 12, 2013
3:30 p.m. - Conference Room 414
by Michael P. Hamnett, Executive Director

Re: Senate Bill 732 – Relating to the University of Hawaii

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Hamnett, Executive Director of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 732, which adds the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), or the Director's Designee, to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii.

RCUH supports SB 732 with one change.

We support the addition of the Director of DBEDT to the RCUH Board as an ex-officio member, but suggest that it be as a non-voting member. This will be consistent with another Senate Bill that adds the UH Vice President for Research to the RCUH Board as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

RCUH services a number of State of Hawaii agencies, so the addition of the Director of DBEDT will provide representation from that client base. The DBEDT Director can make meaningful contributions to RCUH by sharing the State's perspective on issues that may affect the research, training, and economic development initiatives that RCUH is involved in.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.