

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 563  
S.D. 3  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 563, S.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address concerns with the  
University of Hawaii Board of Regents and Regents Candidate  
Advisory Council by amending the form and function of the Regents  
Candidate Advisory Council. More specifically, this measure,  
among other things:

- (1) Places the re-configured Candidate Advisory Council for  
the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii  
temporarily within the Office of the Governor;
- (2) Details the duties and responsibilities of the Candidate  
Advisory Council, including disclosure requirements and  
the development and implementation of a fair and  
independent procedure by which to rate candidates for  
the Board of Regents;
- (3) Establishes a timeline for the filling of vacancies on  
the Board of Regents;
- (4) Requires that appointees to the Candidate Advisory  
Council meet specified qualifications; and



- (5) Specifies factors the Senate must consider in determining whether to confirm a nominee to the Board of Regents.

The Policy Office of the Governor supported this measure. The Officers of the Association of Emeritus Regents of the University of Hawaii supported the intent of this bill. The Officers of the Regents Candidate Advisory Council of the University of Hawaii opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

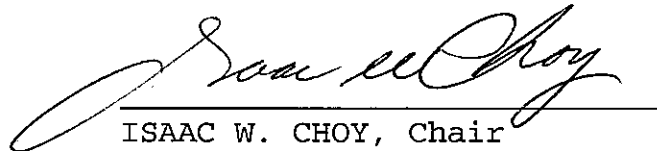
- (1) Deleting the requirement that the Candidate Advisory Council be placed temporarily within the Office of the Governor;
- (2) Reducing the number of the Governor's appointees from five to four;
- (3) Specifying that one member of the Candidate Advisory Council will be a representative of the University of Hawaii Alumni Association;
- (4) Including as an ex-officio, nonvoting member on the Candidate Advisory Council a member of the Association of Emeritus Regents of the University of Hawaii;
- (5) Deleting the requirement that each member of the Candidate Advisory Council serve for the duration of the term of the person by whom the member was appointed;
- (6) Providing that the members of the Candidate Advisory Council, rather than the Governor, select the chairperson of the Council;
- (7) Requiring that removal of a University of Hawaii Regent by the Governor be for cause;
- (8) Requiring that the election of the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Board of Regents take place at the board's first meeting after June 30, rather than at a meeting preceding July 1, of each year;
- (9) Repealing the authorization of the Board of Regents to elect up to two vice chairpersons;



- (10) Providing that the chairperson and vice chairperson will serve until the adjournment of the first meeting of the Board of Regents after June 30 of the following year;
- (11) Specifying that the chairperson and vice chairperson may not be elected prior to the appointment of regents whose terms are to begin on July 1;
- (12) Changing its effective date to upon its approval; and
- (13) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 563, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 563, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,

  
ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



