

GM 587

Testimony -

LEE PUTNAM

Measure
Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEE PUTNAM, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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Testimony of

Representative Isaac W. Choy, Chair

Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State House of Representatives

Submitting Comments to the Consideration and Confirmation of the following nominees:

Mr. Stanford Yuen
Ms. Lee Putnam
Mr. Jeffrey Portnoy
Ms. Michelle Tagorda

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Kahele and Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide comments on the selection of these individuals to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents. I have not met or interviewed any of these candidates.

The University of Hawaii is currently in a situation which will require management expertise. Article X Section 6 of our Hawaii State Constitution states: *"The board shall also have exclusive jurisdiction over the internal structure, management, and operations of the University."* Further, HRS 304A-321 (b), Independent Audit Committee; established; powers; duties states: *"The independent audit committee shall consist of at least three but not more than five members who shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Board of Regents..."* *"The independent audit committee shall include one or more individuals with financial expertise."*

I believe the **financial expertise** required for membership on the audit committee should include the following skill set and experience:

1. Ability to read financial statements and management comments.
2. Ability to understand the state of Hawaii and University of Hawaii budgeting scheme.
3. Ability to understand and evaluate the financial information given to the board by management.
4. Ability to recognize and understand enterprise risk management.

I would request that the committee question each candidate to see if the candidate meets the qualifications for the audit committee, evaluate the composition of the current board, and determine if future or current selections meet the requirements of this statute.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

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**Testimony to the Senate
the Twenty-Seventh Legislature Regular Session of 2014**

Committee on Higher Education (HRE)

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair
Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 3:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

by

Dr. Doris M. Ching

Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Hawai`i System

**Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. GM 587, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

It gives me great pleasure to provide testimony in support of the appointment of Dr. Lee Putnam as a regent on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai`i. Dr. Putnam is a person of high integrity, admirable intelligence, and extensive knowledge and experience in higher education. She will be an excellent addition and an asset to the UH Board of Regents, and it is a privilege to speak in her behalf.

I worked closely with Dr. Putnam for more than two decades in various capacities in student affairs and academic affairs at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa. I have, therefore, observed first-hand her capabilities both as a leader and as a collaborative member of a team with faculty, staff, and students. My observations and interactions with Dr. Putnam have been positive and productive in all of our work, and I have developed the highest respect of her dedication to higher education and her work ethic. I have had numerous opportunities to observe Dr. Putnam's genuine commitment to all levels of public education and community service as well as her commendable respect for academic freedom, diversity of views, and—especially—diversity at all levels of the institution. Dr. Putnam is genuinely committed to the best possible educational opportunities for the people of the State of Hawai`i. She is trustworthy and diligent in her work and possesses the values, skills, and ability to reason desirable of a regent.

Thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony in support of Dr. Lee Putnam's nomination to the University of Hawai`i Board of Regents.

February 27, 2014

Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Higher Education
State of Hawaii

Re: PUTNAM, Lee
Nominee, Board of Regents, University of Hawaii

Dear Senator Taniguchi :


As persons serving college students with disabilities, we respectfully and strongly urge your favorable action on the nomination of Dr. Lee Putnam to the Board of Regents at the University of Hawaii. This is personal, unofficial testimony.

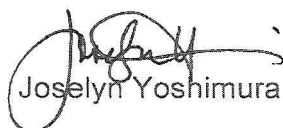
Having known Dr. Putnam over the past 25 years, most of which were in her several administrative capacities on the Manoa campus and in the System office of the University of Hawaii, we believe she would bring to this critical body's deliberations her comprehensive knowledge of the complexities of our higher education system, of the intricacies of maintaining accreditation of our programs, departments and campuses and of the interplay between the University and larger community of state, nation and world. She has been an administrator with superior analytical skills, strategic mastery, institutional memory and visionary optimism.

As our professional focus has been serving college students with disabilities, we can testify to the fact that Dr. Putnam has consistently demonstrated a firm understanding of and commitment to the social justice and federal and state civil rights mandates of inclusion of this ever increasing population of otherwise qualified students who live with disability-based challenges on every one of the system campuses. Among her pivotal contributions have been the launching of the Systemwide Commission on Disability Access (CODA), facilitation of the approval as a valid second language of American Sign Language (ASL) and advocacy for disability access services for college students. Her highly evolved knowledge and unswerving commitment to embracing and celebrating disability and other diversity realities are urgently needed on the Board.

Above all, Dr. Putnam is a leader of personal integrity exceptional competence and respectful dedication to Hawaii and its people. The University and our state need the solid grounding of higher education knowledge, personal competence and integrity in the person of Dr. Lee Putnam in service on the vital Board of Regents of our beloved University of Hawaii.

Respectfully,


Ann Ito


Joselyn Yoshimura



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March 18, 2014

This is first time I've written a recommendation for a former student to serve on the University's Board of Regents, but I am happy to do so in the case of Lee Putnam. I knew Ms Putnam as an auditor in my Honors Seminar, English 492, that was given in the spring of 2013. The course was on Shakespeare and Rome; students read Shakespeare's Roman plays and poems, such as *Julius Caesar* and *Titus Andronicus*, along with related texts, including Roman history (Plutarch), drama (Plautus, Seneca), and some modern texts on ancient Roman history and culture. The aim was to explore the uses that Shakespeare made of his Roman material and to investigate what his perspective on ancient Rome came to be. The class was small but academically advanced, with an excellent group of Honors students and a few others who were equally strong. Discussions were unusually lively and open, and the level of the interchanges was high. All the students prepared short reports on the topics assigned for each class, and also wrote a book review and a seminar paper, which the class read as a group.

Lee Putnam was an outstanding member of this group. She took an enthusiastic part in the weekly discussions and contributed thoughtful weekly papers to the set of reports on the topics covered during the semester. She interacted well with the other students and with me. I remember enjoying our discussions outside of class as well. As an auditor, she did not write a final seminar paper, but she made an excellent contribution to all others aspects of the class.

To have a Regent who shows the sort of wide intellectual curiosity that she demonstrated in my class would be gratifying enough, but she also revealed a strong ability to deal analytically with challenging literary and historical texts. On the basis of my interaction with her, I would say that she would contribute to the Board a first class mind, a strong work ethic, and a demonstrable commitment to the University of Hawai'i and the values it represents. It's a pleasure for me to recommend her stongly and without reservations.

Sincerely,

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I currently serve as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Kapi'olani Community College, a position I've held on a permanent basis since 2010 and on an interim basis for five years prior. For many of those years, I have served the University of Hawai'i system as a reader in the process that selects the recipients of the University of Hawai'i Presidential Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students entering their junior year at any of the UH four-year institutions, including students transferring from the seven community colleges. It is through this endeavor that I have come to know Lee Putnam, applicant for a seat on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. Because the Regents have a responsibility to all the institutions in the system, because the Regents are committed to advocating for and supporting the UH's responsibility for optimizing student learning, I support Lee Putnam's appointment to the University of Hawai'i Board of regents. She has demonstrated her dedication to that commitment and that inclusiveness.

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Comments: I am writing in support of Dr. Lee Putnam for appointment to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Dr. Putnam is eminently qualified for the position and brings considerable experience to the table. Indeed she has had a long and impressive career at UH and has served in many different capacities (as a librarian, as an administrator, and in other special positions). As a result, she clearly understands the major issues facing the University – and she does so from many vantage points, which would be especially useful. Dr. Putnam has been participating in one of my classes this semester (I am an Associate Professor of Art History at UH Manoa), which has given me the opportunity to interact with her. I have been impressed with her focus and insight. And her presence attests to her interest not only in the material of the course itself, but also in the working of the UH system from the ground up. Dr. Putnam would be a very valuable addition to the Board of Regents. Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

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I am writing to offer my strong support for Lee Putnam, who is applying for a position on the UH Board of Regents. Ms. Putnam recently audited my upper-level English literature course. She was a tremendous asset to the course. Not only is she well-read; she is extremely intelligent and articulate. I counted on her contributions to move the discussion and new and productive directions. She was notably reliable—she always had the readings done on time and attended every class, even though she was only auditing. She put in extra time researching ideas relevant to the readings and would discuss her findings with me, something I appreciated very much. I believe that Lee Putnam would make an outstanding member of the Board of Regents.

Joan D. Peters

Professor of English

University of Hawaii at Manoa



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20 March 2014

To: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair-Committee on Higher Education
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair-Committee on Higher Education
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Fr.: Jan Fried, Professor and Coordinator
Re.: Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the
University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lee Putnam

I appreciate the opportunity to convey to the Committee on Higher Education my support of Dr. Lee Putnam and strongly urge you to confirm her as a member of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Dr. Putnam has considerable experience within the University of Hawai'i. She will bring to the BOR not only an understanding of the System, but also an awareness of the necessity to ensure diversity within the UH campuses. Aside from being a champion of students and faculty who are ethnically, experientially, and culturally diverse, she has been a keen advocate of those with disabilities. Having someone like Dr. Putnam on the BOR sends a message of inclusiveness to the UH *ohana* and the general public.

As the coordinator of the American Sign Language/English Interpreter Education program at Kapi'olani Community College, it is important to me, the students who aspire to be interpreters and the Deaf and hard of hearing students on the UH campuses that the BOR values diversity and is committed to providing the necessary initiatives, programs and services that lead to a successful and productive experience in college for all students. Confirming Dr. Putnam as a Regent is a solid step in that direction. *Mahalo.*



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DATE: March 21, 2014

TO: Senate Higher Education Committee

FROM: Dr. Lesley Wright, Professor of Music, UHM

RE: Nomination of Dr. Lee Putnam for Appointment to the UH Board of Regents (GM 587)

I would like to add my voice to those supporting the nomination of Dr. Putnam to the Board of Regents. She has spent her career here at UH working with the important SEED program (Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity) and is well aware of the issues faced by this institution.

As an Emeritus Specialist in Student Affairs she has continued to take classes on campus and, indeed, has taken two of mine (in music history). I have been impressed by her broad culture, quick comprehension and commitment to education and the arts. She would be an excellent choice for the Board of Regents.

I thank you for your attention to this letter.



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March 23, 2014

Senate Higher Education Committee

I would like to strongly endorse the nomination of Lee Putnam for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i. I worked closely with Dr. Putnam on two National Science Foundation grants that provided scholarships to UH Manoa students majoring in mathematics, computer science, and engineering. These students were chosen on the basis of financial need and academic merit. There were two grants covering the years 2000 to 2009, the first for \$425,000 with Dr. Putnam as the principal investigator, and the second for \$396,000 with me as PI. We provided full tuition for an about of 25 students per year, and also sponsored some students' travel to professional conferences. Dr. Putnam provided the leadership for this project, and all the faculty involved are proud of what we achieved.

Dr. Putnam also ran the Regents and Presidential Scholarship programs through her SEED office at UHM. I also served a term on the selection committee for the Presidential Scholarships, and saw how effectively she worked. She also ran the program that allowed senior citizens to take university classes, and I made a minor contribution to that. Her office had many other projects, but those are the ones where I had the pleasure to interact with her.

Dr. Lee Putnam has been a dedicated servant of the University of Hawai'i. As a regent, she would be a strong advocate for the students. She commands the respect of the faculty, many of whom engaged with her through the SEED office. At the same time, she is familiar with the inner workings of the UH administration.

Dr. Putnam has demonstrated a capacity for effective and respectful leadership. I can think of no one more strongly qualified to be a regent, or with more good sense and understanding of the university, than Lee Putnam. Again, I strongly support her nomination.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James B. Nation
Professor, Associate Chair
Department of Mathematics

March 22, 2014

TESTIMONY

TO: Senate Higher Education Committee

From: Joseph H. O'Mealy
Professor, UHM English Department

Subject: **Lee Putnam's Appointment to the UH BOR**

I support Lee Putnam's appointment to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, and I am very pleased to have this opportunity to say so. I believe Lee Putnam will make an excellent Regent for all the constituents of the University of Hawai'i.

I have known Lee Putnam for nearly twenty years in two capacities. I first worked with her when she was an administrator at the Manoa campus and I was the interim dean of the College of Languages, Linguistics, and Literature. When I returned to teaching full-time in the English department, and she had retired from the university, I was very pleased when she asked me if she could sit in on my British Victorian literature class.

I see several strengths in Lee Putnam's qualifications. First and foremost, she has an up close acquaintance with the daily operations of the university, having spent many years in various governance capacities. With due respect for the wide-ranging interests and skills of the members of the BOR, now and in the past, I still think that a *puka* in the Board has been a lack of members with a ready-made knowledge of how the university actually works—its ecology, its history, its problems, and its glories. Lee Putnam has been there, has worn many different hats, and remains intimately aware of what the university does best and where it needs improvement.

Second, as her desire to take post-retirement courses from me and other faculty members at Manoa shows, Lee has maintained her intellectual curiosity, her desire and ability to learn new things, and the humility to participate as a student. If anything, these last few years of class attendance (and I must add that she was an excellent student; I could have used a dozen more Lee Putnams in that class) have added an intimate knowledge of what faculty members' jobs consist of and how the interaction between them and students really operates.

Lee Putnam will offer a perspective on the university that the BOR needs. I fully support her appointment.

Thank you.

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2014

Committee on Higher Learning

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

Testimony in Support of Dr. Lee Putnam's Appointment as a Member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii

HONORABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

My name is Angelique K. Solomon. I am a Faculty Specialist in the Office of Student Affairs at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. It is an honor for me to strongly support the appointment of Dr. Lee Putnam to the Board of Regent for the University of Hawaii.

I had the pleasure of working with, and being mentored by, Dr. Lee Putnam during her tenure as the Associate Director of the Office of Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity (SEED) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Upon my initial hire by the Office of Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity as the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) Coordinator, Dr. Putnam took it upon herself to mentor me through my first year as a junior faculty member. She demonstrated a willingness to share her experience and expertise allowing me to learn and grow professionally.

As the Associate Director of SEED, Dr. Putnam advocated strongly for student support services for students from underrepresented backgrounds such as, Native Hawaiians, Samoans, Micronesians, Filipinos, African-Americans, Hispanics, Gay, Lesbian, transgender, student parents and first-to-college students. She strongly believes that education is the key to prosperity and wellbeing. As a Board of Regents Member, I believe that Dr. Putnam will continue to advocate for such student populations.

I believe Dr. Lee Putnam will be an asset to the Board of Regents. I strongly support the appointment of Dr. Lee Putnam to the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
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Filipino American Citizens League

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 587

Senate Committee on Higher Education

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Honorable Senate Committee Members: Sen. David Y. Ige, Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Sen. Michelle Kidani, Sen. Jill Tokuda, Sen. Sam Slom

From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League

Dear Sen. Taniguchi, Chair; Sen. Kahele, Vice Chair; and Senate Committee Members:

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As president of the Filipino American Citizens League, we are very proud to strongly support GM 587. The League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

During these troubling economic times and the persistent stalemate and failure in Congress to uplift the status of minority and underserved communities in America, FACL is disturbed about the declining numbers of Filipino, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students in higher education, particularly in medicine and law. With Lee Putman's administrative experience in being a champion of student services for all students, including underserved and underrepresented students, we are confident that she will add to the rigorous governance oversight necessary to address these disparities and more.

Thank you for the opportunity for the Filipino American Citizen's League to support Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Lee Putnam. Please consider voting yes to her confirmation.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League



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From: Rouel Velasco, Chair, National Federation of Filipino American Associations
Region 12

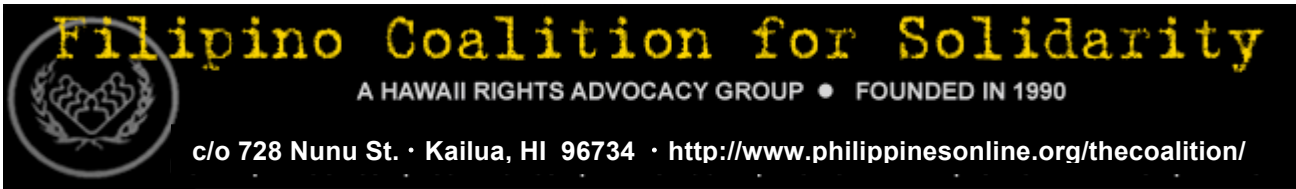
Dear Hon. Sen. Taniguchi, Chair; Hon. Sen. Kahele, Vice Chair; and Hon. Senate Committee Members:

My name is Rouel Velasco, Chair, NaFFAA Region 12, which strongly supports this bill. NaFFAA Region 12 represents the interests of Filipinos in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands. We are an affiliate of the National NaFFAA. Washington policy-makers, private industry and national advocacy groups recognize NaFFAA as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations that span twelve regions throughout the continental United States and U.S. Pacific territories.

NaFFAA strongly supports Gov. Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Dr. Lee Putnam to the UH Board of Regents. I have had the pleasure to work with her in my former position as Student Life Coordinator at the UH Campus Center. Dr. Putnam is highly regarded by students and colleagues alike for her fairness, knowledge of policies and procedures, and tireless fact gathering to help facilitate greater understanding of thorny issues for difficult decision making that is ultimately in the best interest of students and the community in which the university is privileged to serve. NaFFAA Region 12 extends our appreciation to you for hearing this bill and considering approval of her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Rouel Velasco, Chair
NaFFAA Region XII



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From: Helena Manzano, Vice President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

Dear Hon. Sen. Taniguchi, Chair; Hon. Sen. Kahele, Vice Chair; and Hon. Senate Committee Members:

My name is Helena Manzano, vice president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders, whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

The Coalition strongly supports Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Lee Putnam to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, because she is highly regarded by the community to be a champion for capacity building of deserving students from vulnerable communities that are underrepresented in higher education. With dwindling resources for financial aid, we value her voice to speak up for our communities to have increased access to a quality education, in order for more young people to contribute their fair share to a civil and prosperous society.

The Coalition extends our gratitude to you for hearing this measure, and urge you to consider the confirmation of Lee Putnam.

Respectfully,

Helena Manzano, MSW, Vice President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity

March 24, 2014

To whom it may concern:

My name is Amelia G. Jodar. I am the Corrections Education Supervisor II in Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF)

From Jan. 25, 2011 to June 13, 2012, Ms. Lee Putnam taught our Adult Basic Education inmate students to improve their writing skills. She was very well liked and respected by them.

Previously, Ms. Putnam worked as an Education Center volunteer in the Oahu Community Correctional Center. One of her inmate students showed so much progress, so when the latter was transferred to HCF, Ms. Putnam decided to volunteer in the Education Center at HCF. Her objective was to continue teaching the inmate the writing skills. She wanted to make sure that the inmate student did not fall back.

Ms. Putnam also helped the Education Center developed its resources, particularly with the dictionaries, assessment test books, such as SAT, ACT, and others. She made connections with the members of the Friends of the Library, and she picked up the books and brought them to the facility.

I am pleased to send this testimony in support of Ms. Lee Putnam. With her skills, passion, compassion, and the go-get-it attitude, I am confident that she can carry out the responsibilities of being a member of the University Of Hawaii Board Of Regents. I strongly believe that she will be an asset to the Board. The university and the state will be beneficiaries of her good work and dedication.

Respectfully yours,


Amelia G. Jodar



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From: Charlene Cuaresma, MPH, AANCART Hawai'i Principal Investigator
Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity
2600 Campus Rd. QLCSS Rm. 413, Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Hon. Sen. Taniguchi, Chair; Hon. Sen. Kahele, Vice Chair; and Hon. Senate Committee Members:

My name is Charlene Cuaresma, Principal Investigator for the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training (AANCART), which is a Community Network Program of the National Cancer Institute. AANCART was established to reduce cancer health disparities among Asian Americans through research, education and training. AANCART Hawai'i is an integral part of a consortium of universities through sub-awards from parent institution University of California-Davis Cancer Center.

We are proud to support the nomination of Dr. Lee Putnam to the UH Board of Regents. Dr. Putnam brings years of experience and knowledge of the UH procurement system, constructive working relationships with key grants management offices, and an institutional memory of developing and implementing policies under various UH administrations before her retirement. We are confident in her straightforward ability to clearly define issues to vet viable solutions from complex factors. She is a team player who highly values fairness and education equity for all students. She will no doubt be a productive and insightful contributor to the Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to support her nomination, and for your consideration of her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma, MPH , AANCART Hawai'i Principal Investigator



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From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, Founder and President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

Dear Hon. Sen. Taniguchi, Chair; Hon. Sen. Kahele, Vice Chair; and Hon. Senate Committee Members:

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. As the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), I am proud to submit our strong support for Gov. Neil Abercrombie's nomination to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

As longtime community partners and mentors of UH students, we believe that Dr. Lee Putnam possesses:

- commitment to student services,
- competence in University of Hawai'i systemswide administrative policies and budget, and
- steadfast, ethical character to hold the mission and intent of higher education accountable to all the private/public partners and stakeholders of higher education, including those who are underrepresented and underserved.

Thank you for hearing this gubernatorial nomination of Dr. Lee Putnam, and for the opportunity to provide our full community support to you for her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA
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Moses K. N. Haia III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: GM 587 The Nomination of Lee Putnam to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Kahele, Members of the Committee on Higher Education: My name is Moses Haia and it is my distinct pleasure to testify in support of Lee Putnam's nomination. Lee and I have served together on the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Veterans Memorial Fund for a number of years. In that time I have come to know and admire Lee for her intelligence, honesty, and impressive work ethic. As such, I am confident that Lee will serve with honor and distinction. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support. Moses Haia

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My name is Kenith Simmons. I am a faculty member at UH Hilo. I am writing as a member of the community, and not in my official capacity, to express my support for Lee Putnam as a member of the UH Board of Regents.

I worked with Lee about 15 years ago when she was the Director of the Presidential and Regents' scholarship committee, for which I was a member of the selection committee. I found her to be extremely well organized and fair. The negotiations among faculty from different campuses with different missions could have been difficult, but Lee's gentle ability to lay out the ground rules very clearly made the process if not easy, at least smooth. She was also completely open to each year's committee changing guidelines for the following year.

She has the best interests of the University at heart and would work hard were she selected as a member of the Board of Regents.

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Frances Ward	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: When I first met Lee, I was immediately taken with what a good listener she is. She seemed interested and concerned. She also seemed to evaluate her response & contribution to the conversation. I've known Lee for about five years and since have found her a very kind and caring friend. She's been there not only to consult with but also helpful when needed. She seems to always be very sensible and responsible. I feel fortunate to know her and I believe you are very fortunate to have Lee as a member of The Board of Regents.

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March 21, 2014

TO: Board of Regents
University of Hawaii at Manoa

This letter is my personal recommendation for Lee Putnam who is being considered to become a Regent of the University. I have known Lee since September 2007 when I became a member of the Senior Citizen Visitor Program. Lee was the Director at that time. I found her helpful, compassionate and caring of the Seniors. She was always a professional in her dealings with all members of the Program. Her actions gave great credit to herself, her colleagues and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie K. W. Chee".

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 587
March 25, 2014, ROOM 414 @ 330PM
Senate Committee on Higher Education

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Pua Auyong White and I am writing in support of Dr. Lee Putnam for a Board of Regent appointment for the University of Hawaii. I have known Lee for many years as she and I were colleagues at the UH Manoa Office of Student Equity Excellence and Diversity(SEED). Lee served as the Associate Director at SEED and oversaw several projects that supported underrepresented students in higher education. As you know the University has committed to a goal of supporting diversity of students at UH and Lee has been a champion by providing leadership and guidance for student scholars by overseeing the Regents and Presidential Scholars, developing a system of distributing scholarships to underrepresented students, and taking the lead role of administering the Senior Citizen Visitors Program which is now known as Na Kupuna. Lee is also a champion for students with disabilities and was integral in developing policies for the university through the Commission on Disability Access (CODA).

Dr. Putnam is competent and qualified to tackle all the issues that face the university. I am confident and know very well that she will approach the work with a focused and concentrated effort. I strongly encourage the committee to confirm Dr. Lee Putnam as a Regent for the University of Hawaii system.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Mullen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Lee Putnam for several years as a member of a neighborhood book club. She was the facilitator for our group: organizing meetings and guiding our discussions. From the very beginning, I was impressed by her breadth of knowledge and intellect and we became friends as we explored and analyzed literature. I am a retired teacher of 25 years in Hawaii and I recognize a 'life long learner' when I meet one. Lee is a flexible thinker, a patient listener and a straight forward, disciplined organizer. Her dedication to learning and excellence would make her a superior choice to serve our University. I am honored to recommend her.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betty Spann	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Betty Spann and I have known Lee Putnam for three years, as a neighbor who has become a close friend. In my experience, Lee not only displays integrity and good judgement, but an ability to sift through and digest information to arrive at the best possible conclusion. Her critical thinking techniques provide her with a "yes, but" that enables her to transport a curious mind to sound decisions. I feel Lee Putnam should be confirmed as a Regent.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jay Rego	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Jay Rego. I have known Lee Putnam for the last three years. Throughout that period, she has always exhibited the highest ethical standards along with a keen mind for solving problems. Her past experience at the University of Hawaii will contribute to the governing of the school for the future. The Senate confirmation of Lee Putnam to the Board of Regents will insure the development, progress, and accountability of the University of Hawaii.

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Testimony of Arthur K. Goto in Favor
Of the Appointment of Dr. Lee Putnam to the Board of Regents
Of the University of Hawaii

March 22, 2014

I testify in favor of the appointment of Dr. Lee Putnam to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

I am testifying as an individual, albeit I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Veterans Memorial Fund, a Hawaii non-profit corporation, (the "Fund") since about 1975, through which I first met Dr. Putnam.

The Hawaii Veterans Memorial Fund, presently focusing on granting scholarships, was incorporated in 1945 and utilized proceeds from the sale of lands owned by Japanese language schools which were confiscated by the federal government at the commencement of World War II, and which were about to be escheated to the government, but for the intervention of several prominent citizens including then Governor Ingram Stainback, Farrant L. Turner and well-known citizens in Hawaii's pre-war and wartime history. Today the corpus is a few million dollars, and over the past ten years about \$90,000.00 to \$120,000.00 in scholarships has been provided annually to undergraduate students on all campuses of the University of Hawaii system and to graduate students at the University of Hawaii and mainland colleges.

The Trustees are volunteers serving without compensation.

Dr. Putnam first came to our attention at a meeting held about ten years ago, then being a representative of the University whose portfolio included the welfare of students including scholarships, together with the Trustees of the Fund and representatives of the University of Hawaii Foundation which administers scholarships for the University. The purpose was to implement a program by which the Fund provided scholarship funds to be distributed to UH undergraduate students system-wide. Dr. Putnam impressed the Trustees with her knowledge of tuition costs at various campuses, the various student financial aid funds/sources available, how a program as was envisioned could be organized, and operated, as well as how the University system functioned generally. I recall an instance when the Fund Trustees were concerned about a balance of funds left over the course of more than a year, when she personally became involved with the UH Foundation in monitoring the funds, transferring them from campus to campus if necessary and assured thereafter that all funds were utilized each year.

When Dr. Putnam was assigned other duties, the Trustees of the Fund asked her to join us as a Trustee and she has served since then. As a member of our Trustees, she is not disruptive and is extremely courteous, but does not hesitate to tactfully speak out asking difficult questions and with suggestions to improve our operations. She is now the chairperson of our scholarship committee but her demonstrated knowledge, intelligence and keen interest would qualify her to be chair of our finance and/or legal-PR committee as well.

Through her comments and input at our meetings Dr. Putnam shows she is very knowledgeable and experienced in University level academic programs and administrative operations. In particular she has keen interest and awareness in the operation of the University and in the welfare of students. She has great affection for the University of Hawaii and wants it to do well. She has never expressed any dissatisfaction of any facet of the University or of any person thereat. However, at the same time, one is aware that she has opinions, thoughts and insights into its operations.

Testimony of Arthur K. Goto
In Favor of Dr. Lee Putnam
March 22, 2014
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Dr. Putnam's scholastic record through the attainment of a Ph.D. and service in academic and administrative levels at universities including the University of Hawaii come through in the manner she bears herself, her speaking and in the quality of her comments.

She has demonstrated integrity and high moral standards by her inquiring tactfully about sensitive matters, or leading/participating in discussions with those who may express contrary positions, but has calmly and politely expressed her opinions, basis there for without wavering. Yet, she is flexible when necessary in order to accomplish the task at hand. She has never exhibited anything but firm politeness with persons from varying ethnicities and backgrounds.

Most impressive is her work ethic. She volunteers for work, and to take the lead in getting work done, including matters that have languished for awhile. She offers help and suggestions, I have not seen her procrastinate or allow things to languish. She will work extremely hard, prepare for meetings, take on tasks, will not be abrasive or seek personal advancement or attention and will focus on the tasks facing the regents.

In my humble opinion those who work with her come to trust her work, opinion, and leadership. Dr. Putnam's exhibited knowledge of the University of Hawaii organization, experience as an educator and administrator in the system, will be an asset to the Board of Regents in reaching its policy and detailed operational decisions. She speaks with knowledge of the University system, and as to fields she may not have ventured; she will be a quick and eager learner. It will be an asset to the Regents to have a member from the ranks of those who have professionally served the University, are now retired so would have no issues of conflict of interest and would balance the valuable knowledge and experience of those Regents from business and the community at large.

I believe Dr. Putnam is one of the rare persons with a high degree of education, experience, knowledge, personality and leadership ability who would be an asset to the Board of Regents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Marilynn M Matsumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: March 22, 2014 Senate Higher Education Committee State of Hawaii Re: GM587 Testimony in Support of the appointment of LEE PUTNAM, Ph.D, to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, representing the City and County of Honolulu. Lee Putnam is a woman of integrity who cares deeply about the University of Hawaii, its students, and what it has to offer to the State of Hawaii and its people. I have known and worked professionally with Dr. Putnam for many years, first when she was in the UH Office of Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity, and then in her capacity as trustee of the Hawaii Veterans Memorial Fund, a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to both graduate and undergraduate UH students. Dr. Putnam is conscientious, researching governance documents and regulations to be sure she understands issues before making decisions. She is committed to doing what is right and best, not afraid to tackle difficult issues or to raise questions that might otherwise not be considered. Oversight of the affairs of the University of Hawaii requires time and dedication, both qualities Lee Putnam will provide. I have had first hand experience with her willingness to volunteer her time to help bring order and clarity to issues by review of all material and to present it to the rest of the decision-making body, so that no one is left in a position of unduly being swayed by individuals with their own personal agenda. Lee Putnam will provide a fresh transparency to the Board of Regents, and I urge you to confirm her as a representative for the City and County of Honolulu. Thank you for your time and consideration. Marilynn M. Matsumoto

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 587

Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i,
Gubernatorial Nominee, LEE PUTNAM,
for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Senate Committee on Higher Education

March 25, 2014, 3:30 pm
Hawai'i State Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 414

To: Honorable Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Honorable Sen. Gilbert Kahele, Vice-Chair
Honorable Senate Committee on Higher Education Members: Sen. David Ige,
Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, and Sen. Michelle Kidani, Sen. Sam Slom, Sen. Jill Tokuda

From: Agnes Malate, MEd

My name is Agnes Malate and I wholeheartedly support Dr. Lee Putnam's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i. I believe that with her extensive experience and knowledge of the governance and operations of the university, Dr. Putnam will be a valuable asset to the Board's responsibility of providing leadership and solutions to advance the mission of the university.

Dr. Putnam has been a mentor and colleague, and I am delighted to share some insights on the qualities she possesses that she would bring to the Board. As an Assistant Faculty Specialist and the Director of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) within the Office of Student Equity, Excellence, and Diversity (SEED), we worked together on a daily basis and I can attest to her exemplary character and strong work ethic. There are many things I admire about Dr. Putnam - some of them are apparent while others are less obvious. Her drive to give each task, regardless of how great or small it is, her utmost attention and effort speaks to the high standards she sets for herself and expect no less of others. She is unwavering in her commitment to providing an environment in higher education where individuals at every level feel welcome, thrive, and excel. Although her tenacity can be intimidating to some, I have found her to be highly principled, fair, and modest. By "modest" I am referring to her ability to deliver and achieve results without shining light upon herself.

Dr. Putnam trained me to take over the UH Foundation scholarships that SEED administers as she was preparing to retire from the university. Her understanding of the policies and procedures was instrumental in ensuring that the transition went smoothly. She also provided much welcome encouragement of my tenure application in 2009 and took a personal interest in checking on my progress on a regular basis.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. I hope you will give Lee Putnam's nomination your full consideration for I am confident that she will be of great service to the University of Hawai'i and our State.

Testimony in support of Lee Putnam for University of Hawai'i Board of Regents

I am testifying as an individual and not on behalf of an organization.

Lee Putnam has devoted much of her time to the betterment of students at the University of Hawai'i. She has been an advocate for student scholarships, especially those from underrepresented groups. She has assisted me specifically by allowing me to interview her for my master's thesis. I feel she would be an excellent representative for the Board of Regents as she is familiar with many aspects of the University and would especially be conscientious of any issues regarding the student body. She believes in the University of Hawai'i and wants to continue to support it.

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Malia Peters	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing a personal statement in support of Dr. Lee Putnam's nomination for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents. I've known Dr. Putnam for over 13 years, and she is very passionate and dedicated to students, the community, to higher education, and more importantly to the University of Hawaii. She understands the importance of higher education, and the difference this can make in transforming lives. She is committed to supporting students and the University, which is evident through her personal financial contributions through the establishment of a scholarship fund at the University of Hawaii that honors her late sister, and through her volunteer services on various scholarship committees for which she has passionately served on. Thank you for considering her nomination. I think she would be a wonderful addition to this distinguished Board. Sincerely, Malia Peters

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TESTIMONY
OF
LEE PUTNAM
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION
ON
MARCH 25, 2014

G.M. 587

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEE PUTNAM, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents because the University of Hawai`i has been at the center of my life since 1980 and I have a deep and abiding concern for this institution and its importance to the state. The Board of Regents is responsible by law for the general management and control of the University and I am eager to have a part in determining its direction and success.

In a career of almost thirty years at the University of Hawai`i, I held a variety of administrative and leadership positions, among them Associate University Librarian, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Faculty Specialist in the Office of Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity. This experience gave me broad and deep understanding of the multiple missions, array of programs, assortment of students, mixed funding bases, and numerous sources of coordination and control. I worked, at various times, with all the schools, colleges and programs at Mānoa, as well as with administrators and faculty at each of the community colleges, UH-Hilo and UH West O'ahu. Since retiring, I have enjoyed returning as a student, pursuing my interests in

language and literature and the humanities. Thus, I have strong background knowledge of the University developed from multiple perspectives. I also have the capacity and willingness to devote full time and attention to fulfilling the responsibilities of being a Regent.

The University is at a critical stage and I hope to contribute positively to resolving major strategic and policy issues, including:

- Insuring access to higher education and promoting student success for completing post-secondary degrees and certificates in a timely manner
- Addressing deferred maintenance of facilities and infrastructure inadequacies
- Balancing competing needs and promoting coordinated function of the university as a statewide system
- Anticipating and responding to the changing nature of the workplace; advancing economic development and ensuring that graduates are prepared for the future of rapidly evolving technology and mounting environmental problems
- Achieving excellence as higher education undergoes transformation in the teaching/learning process

I also hope to contribute to restoring public trust and confidence in the University and the Board of Regents, by making myself available to listen to concerns from students, faculty and the community, and by communicating in a frank manner about accomplishments and issues.

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests. My husband's daughter is a UH employee and I would recuse myself from deliberation and action on any matter affecting her employment.

I want to thank the members of the Regent Candidate Advisory Council for advancing my application, Governor Abercrombie for putting faith in me, and this Committee for consideration of my nomination. I am also beholden to the many people who have guided and inspired me to reach this point and those who have supported my application through testimony or their presence here today. I am keenly aware that being a Regent is a great honor that entails a corresponding amount of dedication and hard work. I look forward to working with the other members of the Board of Regents, the UH administration, and the Legislature to address issues and concerns. I promise to fulfill the responsibilities of a Regent, faithfully and energetically to the best of my ability, keeping in mind always the wellbeing of our Hawai'i `Ohana.