

GM 675

Testimony –

DAVID DUFFY

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID DUFFY, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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

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Testimony
Submitted to the Senate Committee on Education
In Support of the Confirmation of Dr. David Duffy (GM675)
as a Member of Board of Directors of
the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii
April 15, 2014, 2:45 pm
Room 414

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the Committee, my name is Michael Hamnett. I am Executive Director of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) and am testifying in support of the confirmation of Dr. David Duffy as a member of the Board of Directors of RCUH.

I have known Dr. David Duffy since he first joined the University of Hawaii in 1997. I was Director of the Social Science Research Institute when Dr. Duffy was appointed Director of the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit.

I began working closely with him in 2001 when we served together on the UH President's Task Force on Research Infrastructure. It was clear from his contributions to the Task Force deliberations that he had an extensive knowledge of research management and had learned a tremendous amount about the way research administration functioned at the University of Hawaii.

Since joining the Research Corporation in 2004, I have worked extensively with Dr. Duffy. As a Principal Investigator, he has been RCUH's biggest customer for many years. Since joining UH, Dr. Duffy has brought in over \$150 million in contracts and grants and virtually all have been supported by RCUH's staffing and procurement services. He currently has over 300 RCUH employees working on several hundred projects. Most of Dr. Duffy's projects are management driven ecological and natural resource research and monitoring projects that are of tremendous benefit to Hawaii and its natural environment.

Dr. Duffy has also been very active in the UH Association of Research Investigators. UHARI has been of tremendous benefit to the research community at the University of Hawaii and to RCUH. UHARI has been an excellent sounding board for new initiatives at RCUH and Dr. Duffy has been attending RCUH Board meetings for several years. He has a real understanding of RCUH business processes and good sense of the Board's interests and concerns. If confirmed, will be an excellent addition to the Board.

I strongly recommend Dr. David Duffy's confirmation as a member of the Board of Directors of RCUH.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



Human Resources Department

April 8, 2014

Testimony of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

In Support of
Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID DUFFY to the Board of Directors of the
Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education

Conference Room 414

April 15, 2014

Committee Chair Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair Gilbert Kahele and Committee Members:

As the Director of Human Resources for the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) I am respectfully submitting testimony **in support** of David Duffy, PhD to the Board of the Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. David is a professor of botany, and graduate professor of zoology, and of ecology, evolution and conservation biology, and the Unit Leader/Principal Investigator of the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit (PCSU) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Natural Sciences.

I have known and worked closely with David since 1998. David has been instrumental in developing strategic collaborative and professional relationships with Federal agencies, State and County government agencies on all islands. As the Principal Investigator and Unit Leader of the PCSU, he has forged key relationships with these funding agencies that has created hundreds of jobs over the years. These jobs provided students and graduates of the University of Hawaii to utilize their education in natural and cultural resource management. For many individuals these jobs became a stepping-stone to other careers. Most importantly, these jobs have given many current and past PCSU employees invaluable work and life experiences.

Over the years David and I have become close professional colleagues. I know him to be a man of principle and of the highest character. He is an outstanding leader among his peers, and a mentor to his staff. The State of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii, and the Research Corporation of University of Hawaii will benefit greatly from David's confirmation as a member of the RCUH's Board of Directors.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nelson M. Sakamoto".

Nelson M. Sakamoto
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April 7, 2014

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi
Chairman, Committee on Higher Education
State of Hawaii Senate
Subject : GM 675

Dear Senator Taniguchi,

I am writing to support the nomination of David C. Duffy to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). This is a significant appointment at a significant time in the history of the institution. I applaud the legislature for its recognition of the importance of the research faculty who actually do the primary work supported by RCUH.

I am a retired research investigator (2011). For 15 years I directed the Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research (JIMAR), a cooperative institute between UH and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). JIMAR is a complex operation which relies upon the support provided by RCUH. I was one of several faculty who founded the University of Hawaii Association of Research Investigators in 1996.

I have interacted with Dr. Duffy on matters impacting the research enterprise as well as university governance. He has a broad range of experience in research management, managing one of the largest programs supported through RCUH. He understands RCUH and UH. He is forthright and will provide the effective voice needed on the RCUH board.

I sincerely urge you to approve this appointment.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Schroeder

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State of Hawaii Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Taniguchi, Senator Kahele, and members of the Committee:


This is testimony in support of the nomination by Gov. Abercrombie of Prof. David Duffy to serve on the RCUH Board of Directors. Prof. Duffy is an outstanding nominee for Director on the RCUH Board, and I urge you to confirm his nomination to that position.

I am writing to you as a long-time University of Hawaii faculty marine researcher concerned with the future successes of research at UH. As you know, the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) by charter provides crucial research support services to UH researchers that are difficult, if not impossible, for UH to provide in a timely manner. During more than 30 years I have observed firsthand the importance of RCUH in my own research programs. It is safe to say that the large grants that I have received could not have been successful without the timely, focused efforts of RCUH.

In recent years, a representative of the University of Hawaii Association of Research Investigators (UHARI) has been invited to participate ex officio in the public portion of RCUH Board meetings. Both Prof. Duffy and I, as leaders of UHARI, attended the quarterly RCUH Board meetings. The particular RCUH Director position for which Prof. Duffy has been nominated was created by legislation passed in 2013, specifying the appointment of an active UH faculty researcher to the RCUH Board. This legislation formalized the direct representation of UH researchers in RCUH Board matters. I know that Dr. Duffy is well-qualified for this Director position, and that he will provide important experience to inform the Board in its deliberations and decision-making as a voting Board member.

Prof. Duffy is a top UH researcher, he has had considerable experience with RCUH, and he understands what is needed to represent UH faculty research interests on the RCUH Board. Prof. Duffy is also well aware of the importance of UH research to the economy of the State of Hawaii, and the role of the RCUH.

Thank you.



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2014 April 14, Monday

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capital, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Dr. David Duffy's Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Research
Corporation of the University of Hawaii,

Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi

I was very happy to learn of Governor Abercrombie nomination of Dr. David C. Duffy to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). The appointment of a researcher with wide experience in research and grant management would bring to the Board a unique skill set, much needed as RCUH attempts to correct numerous abuses of the main legislative intent for the creation of RCUH.

Dr. Duffy would be able on the Board to build strong partnerships between the RCUH management and the researchers who use RCUH services. These partnerships are crucial to help strengthen our research enterprise in Hawaii for the long term.

I have known Dr. Duffy from shortly after he arrived at UH Manoa in 1998 and he occupies an office just below mine in St John Hall. On numerous occasions, I have worked with him on administrative issues at the core of UH's research enterprise. Both of us have witnessed the changes at RCUH that have taken place over the last ten years or so that have reduced the essential flexibility required to having a vibrant forward-looking research enterprise at the University of Hawaii.

I strongly support Dr. Duffy's to be on the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii based upon his knowledge of RCUH and the research enterprise, his demonstrated experience and leadership, and his willingness to serve the research community.

Yours Sincerely

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
The Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
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Re: Governor's Message 675 –
David Duffy Nomination to Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH)
Board of Directors

Chairman Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of David Duffy's nomination to the RCUH Board of Directors.

Having served as Executive Director of RCUH from 1994 – 2003, I am very familiar with RCUH's mission of supporting research and training activities for the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. The Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit project, which Dr. Duffy currently heads, has been a long-time project serviced by RCUH. And, since Dr. Duffy joined the University in 1998, he is one of the top-performing researchers who has secured approximately \$150 million in extramural funding for his University programs. Dr. Duffy is very familiar RCUH's mission, its services and its operations. More recently, Dr. Duffy has been attending the RCUH Board meetings as a representative of the UH Association of Research Investigators so he is also familiar with the issues that have been brought to the Board.

He is an excellent choice for the "one member shall be a University of Hawaii system research faculty member" position on the Board. He will be a great asset to RCUH because of his familiarity with both UH and RCUH operations and will be able to represent the needs of the research community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Dr. Duffy's nomination. I apologize for not being able to attend the hearing as I am currently traveling.