
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

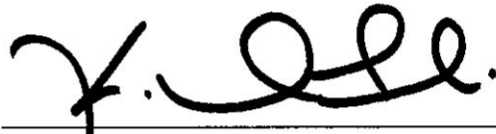


4 "§304A- Executive meeting; prohibited. Notwithstanding
5 chapter 92, the board of regents shall not hold an executive
6 meeting closed to the public for the purposes of reviewing the
7 performance of a University of Hawaii system president or campus
8 chancellor or discussing the finalists to be hired as a
9 University president or chancellor; provided that an executive
10 meeting may be held for the initial review of candidates for
11 such positions."

12 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

H.B. NO. 2028

Report Title:

Board of Regents; Executive Session; Prohibited

Description:

Prohibits the board of regents from meeting in executive session for the purposes of reviewing the performance of or discussing the finalists to be hired as system presidents or campus chancellors.

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The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
Committee on Higher Education

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
January 30, 2014

H.B. 2028 – Relating to the Board of Regents

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO opposes the intent of H.B.2028, which prohibits the Board of Regents from meeting in executive session for the purposes of reviewing the performance of or discussing the finalists to be hired as system presidents or campus chancellors.

This legislation could infringe on the privacy of potential candidates and discourage highly qualified candidates from applying. In its current recruitment for University President, the Board of Regents' Committee on Presidential Selection has made a concerted effort to garner input from the public through community outreach.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of H.B. 2028..

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



LATE TESTIMONY

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

BOARD OF REGENTS

Testimony presented before the
House Committee on Higher Education
February 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

By
John Holzman
Chair, Board of Regents

HB 2028 – RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Choy, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

The University of Hawaii Board of Regents comments that while it agrees with the intent of HB 2028, to ensure openness and accountability in selecting the next president of the University of Hawaii, it may have the unintended consequence of limiting the pool of applicants. Such an outcome would work against the selection of the best possible candidate to lead the University.

HB 2028 effectively requires that the names of finalists to be the next president of the University be made public. This could have the perverse effect of discouraging individuals who currently occupy high level positions outside the University, and especially individuals in the private sector, from applying to be president of the University. To publicize the fact that they are competing to lead the University would certainly give their current employers good reason to doubt their commitment to the jobs they currently hold. Thus they may well be discouraged from applying. This matter is all the more salient because the Regents Committee on the Presidential Selection is committed to focusing its efforts on recruiting candidates from within, or very familiar with, our island community.

Hawaii law already requires all board actions to be made in a public meeting. The Board assures the Committee that the public will have ample opportunity to comment on any finalist before the Board, in open session, thoroughly discusses and votes on his or her candidacy.

We respectfully ask that this measure be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.