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Testimony

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID LASSNER, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wayne S. Higaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of President Lassner's nomination to the WICHE board. I have experienced President Lassner's steady leadership at the university and believe he would contribute the same for WICHE. He is extremely knowledgeable and understands the needs higher education face on a daily basis. Thank you for the opportunity to ask for your positive confirmation of President Lassner.

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Lee Putnam	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support the appointment of David Lassner as a WICHE Commissioner. Not only will he be an outstanding representative for our university, this will also enable him to make maximum opportunities for interaction with mainland colleagues and cross-fertilization of ideas. Under President Lassner's leadership, Hawaii is at the cutting edge of developments in higher education. WICHE will benefit from his perspectives and UH will gain from the exposure.

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Higher Education & the Arts
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 628 CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DAVID LASSNER**

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") is in **support** of David Lassner's confirmation and appointment to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Lassner, the 15th President of the University of Hawaii System, will serve the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education well. Lassner currently serves the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education as a commissioner and previously as founding steering committee member and past-chair of the Commission's Western Cooperative for Educational Technologies. His record also includes board membership for the National Association of System Heads, Board of Governors at the East West Center, Aloha United Way, the Blood Bank of Hawaii, and many more. Having worked with the University of Hawaii since 1977, Mr. Lassner's passion and interest for the advancement of information and communication technologies in the area of higher education, has accumulated in a wealth of experience and leadership from local to international roles.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for this nomination of Mr. David Lassner to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Unhee Lim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: President David Lassner was advised last year by WICHE to reduce the redundancy in the System with Manoa and consider moving off the Manoa campus. Since then, he has been implementing measures in the exact opposite direction, including absorbing Manoa offices, roles and budget and expanding the System at the expense of weakening Manoa's capacity. He is least suitable and has clear conflict of interest to serve as a UH delegate to WICHE. I strongly oppose this appointment.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

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