

# GM805

## Testimony

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## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 2:00 pm

by

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GM 805 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLI GOODIN, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this testimony for Ms. Kelli Goodin in strong support of her recent nomination to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH).

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Goodin for a number of years in my current position as vice president for research and innovation for the University of Hawai'i System, and in both my previous positions as associate vice chancellor for research and graduate education and as a faculty member in the college of engineering at UH Mānoa. With her knowledge of the local technology community and her unwavering commitment to improving the quality and opportunities for the next generation, I feel that Ms. Goodin is an excellent choice to serve on the RCUH board.

My office is currently engaged with the local business community on the Hawai'i Innovation Initiative, a bold economic stimulus movement, to help create a diversified economy for the state through the successful commercialization of UH research. With our close partnership with RCUH, it is important to have individuals on board who understand the importance of technology and technology transfer to the state. With her past experiences as a board member of the High Technology Innovation Corporation (HTIC), positions with local companies Nova Sol and Pukoa Scientific, LLC, and her involvement with the UH Mānoa College of Engineering Dean's Council and Engineering Alumni Association University of Hawai'i -- Ms. Goodin is certainly well-qualified for the task.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Thursday, April 14, 2016  
2:00 pm – Senate Conference Room 224  
by  
Dr. Sylvia Yuen

***GM 805: Supporting the confirmation of gubernatorial nominee Kelli Goodin to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii.***

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts:

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony in strong support of Kelli Goodin to the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) Board of Directors.

I am Sylvia Yuen, the Executive Director of the RCUH. Ms. Goodin is Governor Ige's nominee for a RCUH board member who by statute must be from a "non-UH research organization". Ms. Goodin is an impressive woman with outstanding credentials who more than qualifies for the position. She is the Program Director at Resurgo LLC, who is responsible for all aspects of program planning and the execution of multi-million dollar Department of Defense cyber-security technology experiments and assessments. She received her BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Hawaii and has more than 25 years of experience managing complex engineering projects.

She served as the Vice President and COO of Pukoa Scientific whose business included naval development contracts for innovated acoustic, seismic, infrared sensors and signal and image processing systems for target detection and tracking. She also served in administrative positions at Referentia Systems Incorporated and Innovative Technical Solutions.

Ms. Goodin has been active in lending her expertise to the university and community. She is the past president of the UH College of Engineering Alumni Association and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii High Technology Innovation Corporation.

Ms. Goodin's academic training, professional work, and community experience will bring value to the RCUH Board of Directors. Moreover, of the eight current members on the board, only one is a female, and Ms. Goodin will contribute to the gender balance. We believe Ms. Goodin is an excellent nominee and strongly support her confirmation to the RCUH Board of Directors.

**Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Thursday, April 14, 2016, 2:00PM,  
Room 224, State Capitol**

**Testimony in Support of GM 805**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Directors Of The Research Corporation (RCUH) Of The University Of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLI GOODIN, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.**

**Chair Brian T. Taniguchi and members of the Committee**

Kelli Goodin has been a loyal supporter and alumna of the College of Engineering and the University of Hawai'i for the 10 years I have known her in my capacity as Dean of Engineering at UH Mānoa. She has a wealth of experience in the private sector working the R&D environment with several local companies and a stint at HECO. In this capacity she has gotten to know well the Federal Government agencies, especially those related to Defense agencies and knows well the issues involved in attracting and executing grants and contracts awarded by these agencies. She has also worked with University researchers on some grants and contracts, both in Engineering and other parts of the UH and so knows well the R&D culture at the University and many of the issues and challenges that researchers at UH face.

In summary I can't think of another more qualified person Hawai'i community member to sit on the Board of RCUH and wholeheartedly recommend her to you.

Thank You.

Personal Written Testimony Presented by:



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Wednesday, April 13, 2016

The Honorable Brian Taniguchi  
Chairman, Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Hawaii State Senate

Dear Chairman Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

It is my distinct pleasure to support the appointment of Kelli Goodin to the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii Board of Directors. Kelli Goodin has had a long and distinguished career as an engineer working for a defense contractor in California, and the Hawaiian Electric Company, and tech start-ups in Hawaii. Through all of her working years as an engineer in the private sector, Kelli has been committed to improving the quality of, and creating opportunities for the next generation of engineers entering the workforce. Her distinguished service on the University of Hawaii's College of Engineering, Dean's Advisory Committee strongly points to her commitment to the future generations of engineers entering the workforce. Kelli will be a steady, fair, and positive force on the RCUH Board.

I urge the committee to confirm her appointment to the RCUH Board.

Sincerely,

**DANIEL M. ISHII**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ian Kitajima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for Kelli Goodin. I have known Kelli for over 10 years working together to build Hawaii's dual-use defense industry. Kelli is a seasoned professional skilled in technology development to proposal development and management, procurement, project management, and business management. Kelli is a smart collaborative leader and I believe she will be a great asset to RCUH and the University of Hawaii. It is a pleasure and honor to support Kelli for this important role. Mahalo, Ian

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Kelli Goodin to the RCUH board, base on her values of giving back to the community, as well as her technology background.

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April 13, 2016

Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Hawaii Senate

Re: GM 805– In Support

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly support the appointment of Kelli Goodin to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. As a current board member and the individual that Kelli will be replacing, I am personally interested in seeing the position filled by someone who can well represent industry. Kelli is that person.

I have known Kelli for about 15 years. We have worked together at two different companies and I know that she is a very valuable resource. I strongly recommend that the committee recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of Kelli Goodin for the board of RCUH.

Sincerely,

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