

GM735

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, EUGENE BAL III, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Testimony of
Eugene Bal III
to the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
April 30, 2018

G.M. 735

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, EUGENE BAL III, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

Chair Kahele and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank the Governor for his confidence in nominating me. I am honored to be considered for a second term on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I want to thank all my friends and colleagues who submitted testimony on my behalf and who have been so supportive in this process.

I am seeking a second term as a Regent of the University of Hawaii. During the past 5 years, I have come to more fully understand and appreciate the University of Hawaii's complexities and the breadth of the Regents' responsibilities. One of the foremost lessons learned as a Regent is the high value of experience – not just related experience, but more so, direct experience with the University of Hawaii. Having faced and completed the most significant of Regents' responsibilities, including – the selection and evaluation of a President, defining the strategic direction of the University, fiduciary oversight, establishing tuition schedules, and serving 2 terms as Vice Chair of the Board – I am now more prepared and able to contribute at a higher level as a second term Regent.

My record of public or community service is in my resume. However, the most relevant examples of this service to this application for a second term as a Regent stem from my assignments on the Board of Regents. These assignments as an officer of the Board, Board committees, and Board affiliates include:

- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Vice Chair (2 terms)
- Research Corporation of the University Hawaii, Board of Directors, Chair (3 terms), Vice Chair
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Research and Innovation, Chair (3 terms)
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Community Colleges, Chair

- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Personnel Affairs and Board Governance, Vice Chair
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Committee on Student Affairs
- University of Hawaii, Board of Regents, Task Groups – Scholarships and Waivers, Legislative Strategy, Advisory, Research and Innovation
- University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Faculty Practice Plan: University Health Partners of Hawaii
- Mauna Kea Management Board
- Career and Technical Education Advisory Council
- Association of Community College Trustees

The breadth of my assignments as a member of the Board of Regents – especially noting the leadership positions held in the past 5 years – is clearly indicative of both my level of contribution as well as the confidence placed in my abilities.

I would like to make one final comment. While the Board of Regents experiences planned turnover, asynchronous turnover occurs to the detriment of the University. In 2014, 4 Regents resigned following an Ethics Commission mandate to file financial disclosures. What ensued was a series of interim appointments most of which were for less than a year which led to disruption and instability on the Board. There is currently 1 vacancy on the Board, there are 7 Regents with 1 to 3 years of service on the Board, 3 Regents with 4 years of service, and 4 Regents either ending a first term or have been selected for a second term. As a second term Regent I would embody continuity and stability joining other second term Regents committed to governing the University. The value of “corporate knowledge” coupled with skills and capabilities portends strong, positive governance for the University.

There are many challenges facing our university. You have my commitment, readiness, and willingness to serve in this most important position of public post-secondary education in our State.

I would like to thank the Committee for your dedication and service and for allowing me to testify before you today. Thank you for considering my nomination.

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Submitted on: 4/29/2018 1:35:31 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Yuen	Testifying for RCUH	Support	Yes

Comments:

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 30, 2018

By

Dr. Sylvia Yuen, Executive Director

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH)

GM 735. Gubernatorial nominee to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii—Eugene Bal III

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Eugene Ball's confirmation to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Mr. Ball's academic background, professional experience, and personal qualities make him an excellent nominee for the BOR. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, earned a master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School, and graduated from the

Advanced Executive Program at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and the Defense Systems Management College. Mr. Ball has over 40 years of experience in leadership roles managing all aspects of complex scientific, technical, and engineering programs. This includes serving as the former executive director of the Maui High Performance Computing center (MHPCC), which secured millions of dollars for the benefit of the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. He has used his knowledge to the betterment of his community, both at the national and local levels. For example, he has served on the National Science Foundation National Visiting Committee for the National Center of Excellence in High Performance Computing Technology, Hawaii Community Foundation Board of Governors, as well as the Maui County Mayor's Advisory Committee and Maui Economic Development Board.

Mr. Ball currently serves as the chairman of the RCUH Board of Directors. Under his leadership, the board undertook the development of a new strategic plan--replacing the outdated 2004 plan--which is being used to successfully guide RCUH's programs and activities. Mr. Ball has effectively represented RCUH at award presentations, forums, and meetings. His knowledge, moral compass, and calm demeanor have earned him the respect of colleagues and staff. RCUH is fortunate to have Mr. Ball on its board and I highly recommend his confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. He will bring proven leadership and a wealth of experience in research and work with federal agencies, the private sector, and local communities which will greatly enhance the BOR.



April 23, 2018

The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, President
and Members of the Hawai'i State Senate
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI. 96813

**RE: GM 735 : Nomination of Eugene Bal III to
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents**

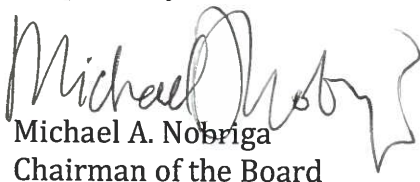
I am writing to you today to offer my support for the reappointment of Eugene Bal III to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Gene is a great choice for many reasons. The one that for me holds the greatest weight is that he is a true keiki o ka 'āina. Born and raised here on Maui, his parents and grandparents having provided for their families and others throughout Gene's life. He is not only book smart, he is definitely connected to his community, our unique Maui lifestyle and the traditions that make Hawai'i the very special place that it is; and that we all have enjoyed.

Gene has some incredible life experiences that has shaped him into the type of leader needed to guide the University system. Eugene is very articulate and has never recused himself from providing genuine input. Gene will give you exactly what's on his mind with full clarity and has the ability to explain why he feels that way.

As a UH Manoa alumni, I humbly request your favorable consideration on this appointment of Eugene Bal III to serve as our representative on the Board of Regents for the University of Hawai'i. He does Maui proud without compromise to the entire State of Hawai'i.

Respectfully,


Michael A. Nobriga
Chairman of the Board



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Submitted on: 4/25/2018 2:58:08 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois E Reiswig	Testifying for Maui Arts League	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Lois Reiswig and I'm the President of Maui Arts League, a 501c3 organization on Maui - TIN 99-0181159. I'm writing to support Gene Bal for a second term on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I met Gene when I first moved to Maui 19 years ago. He was managing director of the Maui High Performance Computer Center and my husband and I had just retired from IBM and was curious about this 'famous' computer, right here on Maui. He was instrumental in encouraging me to work with the Hawaii Community Foundation and become one of their Leadership Council Members for Maui. I have found Gene to always be dependable, courteous, and very professional in all his dealings. Since Gene is willing to 're-up' for another term, the Board of Regents will benefit from this continued contributions. He's one in a million!

Testimony of Jan Naoe Sullivan

Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education

Monday, April 30, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 224

In consideration of GM735

Eugene Bal III

Gubernatorial Nominee to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony as an individual, in **strong support** of the confirmation of Eugene Bal to serve a second term on the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents.

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Regents with Gene for the last four years.

Gene's background and understanding of the Department of Defense and the research enterprise have been of great value to the Board of Regents. It is hard to find people in Hawai'i that have a deep understanding of the issues and complexities that are associated with these arenas, and that are willing to serve on the Board of Regents.

The University of Hawai'i is a 10-campus system with all of the complexities that come along with a diverse institution of this nature. The research enterprise is an extremely valuable asset to the university and many of the research units have achieved national, if not international recognition. We need more regents that understand and appreciate the research enterprise and the value of developing technology in Hawai'i.

Gene currently serves as the Chair of the Research & Innovation Committee and also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i. His calm and quiet demeanor has served the Board well through tumultuous times and his support and dedication to the University have been unwavering.

I am glad that he was willing to continue to serve on the Board, and strongly endorse his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/20/2018 2:53:26 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John D. Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am John D. Kim, I write in support for the confirmation of Mr. Eugene Bal, III, to serve a second term on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 4/20/2018 3:08:04 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryce Thayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I've known of Gene since I returned to Maui after college in 2004 but have known him personally for the past 6 years. As a Commercial Lending Officer for the Bank of Hawaii I learned who Gene was from my boss at the time who sat on the Maui Economic Development Board with him. Gene was also the Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center then, and I can remember seeing Gene in his various capacities and always thinking the same thing. I thought this was someone that appeared to be of the utmost moral character. Perhaps it was his naval background that maybe taught him to carry himself in such an esteemed manner, or maybe it was the praises repeated to me about Gene by my boss, or maybe it was seeing him first hand carrying out his extensive résumé of public service all over Maui. In retrospect, it was all of the above, and knowing him personally now I can confidently say that it is this unwavering perception that I initially had that is the true Gene Bal. Maui is too small to hide behind good deeds; Gene served our country proudly and continues to do as he's always done, which is to serve his home, community and country. One final story. I know a lot of people who give a lot of time to organizations, and I also know a lot of people who give a lot of money. I know Gene to do both, which is rare. Not only has he and his family been great financial supporters of the Bailey House, of which I sit on the board of directors, but Gene is also there physically to support us as well. I am confident that there is no other conclusion than to confirm his nomination for a second term as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 4/20/2018 4:38:08 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ralph Nagamine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Ralph Nagamine and I am submitting this testimony in support of GM735 which nominates Eugene Bal III to a second term on the U. H. Board of Regents.

I have known Mr. Bal for over 30 years and he is an excellent choice to serve on the Board. As a U. H. alumnus, I have full confidence in Mr. Bal's abilities and commitment to steer the university in a direction towards academic and athletic excellence.

I humbly ask for your support of GM735 and for continuing Mr. Bal's tenure on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph M. Nagamine, P.E., L.S.

April 21, 2018

Re: Testimony in support of Eugene Bal III, Gubernatorial Nominee, for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii

To Whom It May Concern:

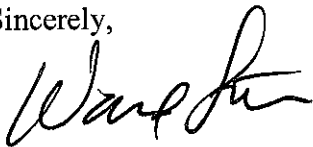
I am respectfully submitting testimony in support of Eugene Bal III, Gubernatorial Nominee, for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I live on Maui, and I am Chief Financial Officer for Dorvin D. Leis Co., Inc. I have had the pleasure of knowing Eugene Bal III, both personally and professionally for over ten years.

During the years of our acquaintance, I have known Eugene Bal III in his position of Executive Director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center. Eugene Bal III displayed impressive professionalism, excellent leadership skills, and great community support while leading this Maui-based enterprise.

Eugene Bal III maintains the highest integrity, helpfulness, and supportiveness in both his friendships and his professional relationships. He is a great asset to the community in both volunteer service and donations. Eugene Bal III is a kind and thoughtful friend.

As a Regent, Eugene Bal III's experience, competence, and discernment have served the University well, and I fully support him to continue on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (808) 270-0120 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ward Letvin', written in a cursive style.

Ward Letvin
483 Melemele Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 213
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Kahele and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education,

I have known Eugene Bal for over 50 years and I would not hesitate to provide a letter of testimony on his behalf in becoming a Board of Regent member for the University of Hawaii.

Gene and I have interacted over the years and he is an individual that has demonstrated great character, dedication and a very high moral compass. His resume is replete with examples of not only his desire to serve but his ability to execute the goals and mission of various institutions.

I previously belonged to a civic organization whose motto was "serve above self." I can attest that Gene is truly representative of this motto. He is tireless in his commitment to "give back" to the community of Hawaii and the past four years as a Board of Regent member is a testament to his character, skills, and abilities.

I am very honored to be able to provide testimony on behalf of Gene. Gene will continue to be a significant asset to the Board of Regents for the university and to the community of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Bill Sakagawa

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Submitted on: 4/23/2018 10:47:57 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walette G. Pellegrino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please see attachment: GeneBalRegentTestimony2018.docx

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Submitted on: 4/24/2018 10:17:55 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Maberry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senate Committee on Higher Education Chair Senator Kaiali'i Kahale,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to provide this letter in support of the nomination of Mr. Eugene Bal III for the position of Regent for the University of Hawai'i.

I first met Mr. Bal in 1999 and have had the privilege of working closely with him ever since. We have served together on the Maui Economic Development Board and on the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii Board. I have witnessed his expertise and abilities first hand, and I believe wholeheartedly that he possesses the wisdom, compassion, intellect, humility and character to be entrusted with the responsibilities of a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

Gene is completing his first term as a Regent. During his first term he has been an active, thoughtful, productive and constructive member. If given the opportunity, I can assure you that Gene will continue to be an effective leader, collaborator, and supporter, always pursuing the Board's goals and aspirations.

I enthusiastically support Gene's reappointment as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. If I may be of any further assistance to this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michael Maberry

Assistant Director, University of Hawaii, Institute for Astronomy

Co-Principle Investigator of the Maui High Performance Computing Center

Testimony of
Andrea Kaumeheiwa
to the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
Submitted April 24, 2018

As a retired educator for the Department of Education State of Hawaii, I give Eugene Bal III my unqualified support for a second term as Regent for the University of Hawaii.

Throughout the many years I have known Eugene Bal, I have found him to be intelligent, articulate, and fair-minded; but his most outstanding attribute is his ability to look deeply and objectively into all aspects of whatever challenge he might be facing and come up with a solution that will benefit all parties. He routinely looks at the big picture and does not shirk from tough decisions.

His dedication to education is well known and his outstanding work ethic was established during his years with the United States Navy and as the Executive Director of the High Performance Computing Center – first with the University of New Mexico and then with the University of Hawaii.

As the Executive Director of the High Performance Computing Center, Eugene Bal was on the cutting edge of technology and was able to guide the direction of the computing center to ensure it remained a valuable asset to our state as well as our nation. He was able to seamlessly meld the computing center from the auspices of the University of New Mexico to the University of Hawaii in order to guarantee that UH continued to be a key member of the Hawaii science and technology community.

Our university system needs someone with foresight who will be able to help the university system grow and change with our ever-evolving environment. Our university system needs someone with the training, background and knowledge base that can and will propel in our university system in the right direction. Our University Board of Regents needs Eugene Bal III.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 4/24/2018 6:31:58 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leona R. Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is my pleasure to request your support for a second term for Eugene Bal, Maui, to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. I have known Gene for many years. He is respected in our community and is a person of high standards. Allowing him to serve a second term would benefit everyone. I know of no one finer to serve as a Regent.

I respectfully submit my testimony in SUPPORT of Eugene Bal to serve a second term to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Leona Rocha Wilson

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Submitted on: 4/25/2018 9:51:01 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amanda r.k. lowrey, ph.d.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I write in support of Eugene Bal III for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I first met Mr. Bal back in 1983 in Virginia, where he was stationed, when his daughter and I attended school together. I moved to Hawaii in 2007 and we reconnected when I invited him as a keynote speaker for the Hawaii Academy of Science (HAS) Pacific Symposium for Science and Sustainability, of which I have been the director for the past several years. As an employee for the State Department of Health and volunteer for HAS, I have a keen interest in science and public education, as well as increasing job opportunities in Hawaii. I believe Mr. Bal has done an excellent job currently serving on the Board of Regents and has a strong record of public service as a naval pilot and as the director of the Maui High Performance Computing Center in addition to his many other accomplishments. As a native Hawaiian who grew up in Hawaii and has lived around the world, he brings an excellent perspective to the board and with three young granddaughters has a vested interest in the future of Hawaii's education system as well. Please consider approving him for a second term.

Sincerely,

Amanda R.K. Lowrey, Ph.D.

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April 25, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for my friend, Eugene Bal III, as he dedicates another term to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents position.

I have known "Gene" from high school. I can vividly remember his shy-smiles, being very smart, determined, and popular. Gene was the only 16-year old "gentleman" that I knew of in high school - always patient, focused, courteous, and includes others. He demonstrated his leadership skills in sports, with friends, and on campus, so when he was chosen to attend the United States Naval Academy, I was not surprised.

After our high school graduation, we went our separate ways – moved off island, attended college, raised kids, and built our careers. After decades and thousands of miles apart, Gene and his family moved back to Maui. I was fortunate to run into Gene and his wife, at a non-profit fundraising event. He remained humble, remembered his roots, and sought ways to reconnect with the island and its people. Gene has graciously opened his home for many gatherings - class reunion meetings, and to also help lift the spirit for one of our classmates battling cancer.

Gene and I served on the Hawaii Community Foundation Maui Leadership Council. I observed his leadership abilities, very focused and driven, and a great collaborator.

Above all of his professional accomplishments and qualities, the thing that I admire the most in Eugene Bal III, is that he is a very diverse and well-rounded guy. With Gene's contribution to the islands, and to the University of Hawaii, Hawaii is very fortunate to have one of its own return home, to give back to the community.

I am very proud to call my friend, Eugene Bal III, "the officer and the gentleman", as he is simply the best!

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Tsutsui

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April 26, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the University of Hawaii Board of Regent's Eugene Bal III, who is being considered for a second term ending in June 2023.

My experience with Gene started in our 11th grade year at H.P. Baldwin High School on the island of Maui. Being a recent transfer student from the mainland Gene quietly became a respected honor student and an all star athlete for our football team. Although I was not among his circle of friends at the time, I admired the way he carried himself and the respect and humility that he conveyed to administration, teachers, and fellow students.

Moving forward to today, Gene has consistently displayed the same humility and respect not only in our personal friendship, but in his desire to serve many of our Maui non-profit organizations. The University of Hawaii has been the benefactor of his successful governance and management of multi-faceted, complex and challenging organizations in our island community. Gene is well known to be an excellent master in the field of research and development. Under his leadership while working for the Maui High Performance Computing Center, he was able to procure a management contract for the University worth \$300 million. More recently, he has also been credited with developing the university's capability, reputation and credibility to execute the school's major Department of Defense contracts and secure more years of extensions for the program.

We need people of Eugene's proven expertise and dedication to academia. His commitment to community service and advancement in education is an asset to the University of Hawaii and it's satellite campuses. I humbly ask that you vote him to a second term to insure stability, governance and fore-sighted leadership for the University of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne C. Gushiken



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April 26, 2018

To: The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Benjamin A. Kudo
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 735 – Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, EUGENE BAL III - **SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: April 30, 2018
Hearing time: 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 224

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kim and Distinguished Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend your favorable consideration of Mr. Eugene Bal's nomination to a second term on the Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i. Mr. Bal has committed a great deal of effort toward making our University a better place. He has served as Chair of the Committee on Research & Innovation, Vice Chair of the Committee on Personnel Affairs & Board Governance and former Vice Chair of the Board.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend without hesitation your favorable consideration of Mr. Bal for the aforementioned appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

ASHFORD & WRISTON



Benjamin A. Kudo

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Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/26/2018 8:50:36 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
hilton unemori	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Hilton Unemori and I am testifying as an individual in support of Eugene Bal's nomination for a second term to the UH Board of Regents.

I was born and raised on Maui and am a retired engineer continuing to live on Maui.

i have known Eugene Bal [Gene] for several years. His personal statement is impressive enough as you can see. But what impresses me about Gene is his fundamental leadership qualities and demonstrated performance in his many positions that he has served in our community. He is not one who shy's away from serving as he had done when i asked him to take over after me as the President of the Maui Council of the BSA. And this was in spite of some personal challenges in his family at the time. He was able to continue the effort of rebuilding the facilities at Camp Maluhia that the Maui community will benefit from in the years to come.

As a person, i have found him very warm and intelligent and compassionate.

I believe that Gene would be even more beneficial in his second term on the Board of Regents, because he will be able to use his valuable experience from his first term to help UH maneuver through these challenging times for the state of Hawaii. i hope that you will see Gene as a true asset for UH. The Board of Regents needs Gene's vision and leadership. Mahalo and Aloha from Maui. Hilton

TESTIMONY OF
RANDOLPH G. MOORE
to the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 30, 2017
G.M. 735

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii
Gubernatorial Nominee Eugene Bal III for a term to expire June 30, 2023

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for the nomination of Eugene Bal III to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I am speaking for myself as a vice chair of the Board of Regents. The regents as a body do not take positions on the nomination of individuals for the Board.

Mr. Bal is completing a five-year term as a Maui regent. He has been an active, interested, conscientious, and productive member of the Board. He has been a vice chair of the Board, currently chairs the Board's Committee on Research and Innovation, is vice chair of the Board's Committee on Personnel Affairs and Board Governance, is a member of the Board's Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and represents the Board at the Association of Community College Trustees. He also chairs the board of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii as one of the Board of Regents' representatives on the RCUH board. In prior years he has served on the Board's Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council. His attendance has been consistent and his participation has been constructive.

The University of Hawaii is a large and complex organization. It takes more than one year for new regents to "get up to speed." The board and the University would benefit by Mr. Bal's continued participation and contributions as a regent.

Thank you for your consideration.

GM-735

Submitted on: 4/27/2018 11:27:38 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deidre Tegarden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have had the honor of knowing Captain Eugene Bal for several years and wholeheartedly support his reappointment to the UH Board of Regents.

Dedicated, knowledgeable and balanced are three words that amply describe Captain Bal.

His dedication to his work and family mirrors his commitment to those around him. A pillar in the community, he is the first to ensure that he is giving back to those who can benefit from his experience, understanding and abilities.

As a retired Navy Captain, his expertise, understanding of, and connections to the federal, state and county governments is an asset to the University of Hawaii and our community. Having served on the Board of Regents for the past five (5) years, Cpt. Bal lends a continuity and experience that is essential when making decisions for the benefit of the university and the next several generations of students.

Because of his accomplishments to date and all that he will contribute to the future, I am honored to support Captain Eugene Bal in his reappointment to the UH Board of Regents.

Sincerely, Deidre Tegarden

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Submitted on: 4/27/2018 2:49:04 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gene Awakuni	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

April 26, 2018,

RE: GM735

Dear Chair Kahele and Members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I'm writing to provide testimony in support of Mr. Eugene Bal who is being considered for re-appointment to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Gene for over five decades. We attended Baldwin High School together. We all knew back then that Gene would be successful no matter what he decided to do. He is incredibly smart, possesses the know-how to get things done and is a person of high integrity.

His success as a career naval officer and later as the Executive Director of the Maui Super Computer which became, under his tenure, one of the top ten rated Super Computers in the world speaks to his pursuit of excellence no matter what he undertakes.

His first term on the Board of Regents illustrates his desire to ensure that students are treated with the respect and support they deserve. He's held the University of Hawaii Administration accountable to make sure that every decision they make is to improve the lives of students. I have no question that he'll continue his student-centered focus.

Therefore, I am pleased to recommend Gene to you with my highest assurances.

Sincerely,

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