

HB-2093

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Oppose	No

Comments:



**Association of Emeritus Regents
University of Hawaii**

James Lee, Chair
Andres Albano, Vice-Chair
J. F. Blanco, Secretary-Treasurer

**Testimony of the Association of Emeritus Regents
University of Hawaii
James Lee, Chair**

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IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB2093

Before the House Committee on Higher Education (HED)
January 30, 2018
2:00 PM

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

I am James Lee, Chair of the Association of Emeritus Regents (AER) of the University of Hawaii. I am a former member and Vice-Chair of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents (BOR).

The AER is comprised of former regents and executive secretaries of the BOR. Under 304A-104.6 HRS, the Chair of the Association appoints one of eight members to the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (CAC). In 2006, Hawaii voters ratified our state constitution to establish the CAC. In 2007, Act 56 created the CAC and mandated a prescribed process to prepare and present to the Governor of Hawaii a list containing a minimum of three qualified candidates for each vacancy on the BOR. The Governor would then appoint one person from the list to serve on the BOR, subject to Senate confirmation. In 2013, the Legislature modified the CAC membership composition and the member appointment process and changed the voting status of the emeritus regent member to ex-officio, nonvoting.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB2093 restores the voting status of the Association of Emeritus Regent Member on the CAC. An AER member has served as a voting member on the CAC since its inception. The first chairperson of the CAC was an emeritus regent. The AER member provides unique and valuable insights on the inner workings of the BOR and can share actual experiences in the types of governing and policy decisions regent candidates can be expected to address during their tenure on the BOR. The AER member has also been active in candidate recruitment at the CAC level. The AER member is the only CAC member that does not have the right to vote despite voluntarily contributing identical hours of their time, effort, and knowledge to the screening and selection process.

REQUESTED COMMITTEE ACTION

The AER respectfully request the HED committee favorably act on HB2093. Doing so is an important step to restore the ability of the AER member to cast a vote again. It also recognizes the unique perspectives and valuable contributions the AER member contributes to the CAC process and gives the AER member a voting voice in the CAC process.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Capsun M. Poe		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

I am Capsun Poe and I am in strong support of HB2093, which would once again make the Association of Emeritus Regents (AER) representative to the UH Candidate Advisory Council (CAC) a voting member. I am a former member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents (BOR) and believe that the AER seat on the CAC provides a unique perspective to help guide the CAC's selection of regent candidates. Emeritus regents are knowledgeable of the multiple stakeholders involved with UH and higher education policy, as well as the soft skills necessary to be successful in the policymaker role on the BOR.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Teresa Parsons		Oppose	No

Comments: