

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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By

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**Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Kelli Goodin's nomination to the RCUH Board of Directors. Ms. Goodin was appointed to the Board on July 1, 2016 and is currently serving as a holdover member. If her reappointment is confirmed by the Senate, her second term will end on June 30, 2023. She represents a non-University of Hawai'i research organization on the board.

Ms. Goodin is a professional engineer who received her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UH-Manoa. She has spent more than 25 years managing complex engineering projects for companies such as Hughes Aircraft, Resurgo, Innovative Technical Solutions, Pukoa Scientific, and Hawaiian Electric Co. That work included oversight of large multi-million dollar defense contracts, including cyber-security technology experiments and assessments. She is currently the Program Manager of Hawaii Programs for Valiant Global Defense Services. Ms. Goodin's knowledge, experience and insights in cybersecurity as well as her familiarity with federal contracting are invaluable to RCUH in its support of the projects that it serves.

RCUH has been fortunate to have Ms. Goodin on its Board of Directors. She has been a responsible member of the board whose opinions are respected. Her wise counsel and guidance strategically places RCUH on the path for successfully meeting its mission and goals. I endorse Ms. Goodin's reappointment to the RCUH Board of Directors and respectfully urge you to approve her reappointment.