

GM-845

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Testimony for HRE on 7/2/2020 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Marc Higa	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:



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July 1, 2020

To: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Benjamin A. Kudo
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RE: GM-845 – Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLI ACOPAN - **SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Thursday, July 2, 2020
Hearing time: 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of your Committee members on the appointment of Ms. Kelli Acopan as the student member to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

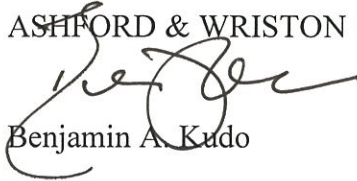
Ms. Acopan will faithfully carry out her responsibilities by bridging the interests of our students with our Board.

I recommend your favorable consideration of Ms. Kelli Acopan for the aforementioned position. She is a person who will prove to be worthy of your support.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully urge your Committee's support to confirm her nomination.

Very truly yours,

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Submitted on: 6/30/2020 6:46:56 AM

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

Comments:

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

June 30, 2020
G.M. 845

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii
Gubernatorial Nominee Kelli Acopan for a term to expire June 30, 2022

Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for the nomination of Kelli Acopan to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

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

I regret that I due to the corona virus pandemic that has closed the capitol to the public, I will not be able to testify in person.

Ms. Acopan has been the student regent for only one year, because her appointment came almost at the end of a carryover year for the previous student regent. Nevertheless, Ms. Acopan came quickly up to speed and is an active and constructive member of the Board and of the committees to which she has been assigned. She faithfully attends meetings of student government organizations and brings a useful student perspective to Board and committee discussions.

The University of Hawaii is a large and complex organization. It normally takes more than one year for new regents to fully orient themselves. The Board and the University would benefit by the continued participation and contributions of Ms. Acopan as a regent.

Thank you for your consideration.

TESTIMONY OF JAN SULLIVAN IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION
OF KELLI ACOPAN, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS (GM845)

Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Kelli Acopan to serve on the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Kelli during her tenure as the Student Regent. She has been dedicated and diligent in fulfilling her role. She participated in numerous student outreach activities and her efforts really helped the Board to better connect with the student community.

On top of being a student, she is a working mother. She has somehow managed to balance all that is on her plate, and still be a strong contributor to the Board.

I sincerely request your support of Kelli and ask that you give her your full consideration to serve another term as our Student Regent.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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simeon r. acoba jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Kelli Acopan has contributed much to the work of the Board since she was appointed to her first term. She has represented the students effectively and comprehensively at the Board Meetings. She attends the meetings of different student governments and has endeavored to ensure that all campuses are included in her survey of the needs of the students and of the matters of pressing concern to them. She has truly represented the student interest and advocates for students where actions may affect them. She stresses the importance of communication flowing to and from the Board and students. Where the student regent is concerned continuity is important and Kelli has set high standards that support her appointment to another term. Thank you, Simeon Acoba



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To the Candidate Advisory Council,

I am writing in support of Ms. Kelli K.K. Acopan's nomination to serve a second term in the Student Regent seat on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have had the pleasure of working with Kelli over the past three years. In my role as the Associate Vice President for Students, an area of responsibility includes advising the UH Student Caucus. This is where I first met Kelli. The Student Caucus is composed of two voting delegates from the eleven student governments across all the campuses. The previous chair and officers were supposed to have created a 2-day training program for the new delegates. Nothing had been done, and Kelli stepped in and created the agenda and training, and then helped lead in the training. She demonstrated leadership skills developed through her various student government roles while an undergraduate student both at Windward Community College and Manoa.

Kelli is currently working on her goal of teaching at the secondary or collegiate level. She has a strong interest in student success and best practices not only as an instructor but in establishing and maintaining the institutional infrastructure and support services necessary to enhance all students' potential for success. She is demonstrating her commitment in her current role as the Student Regent, serving as the Vice-Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, as well as the Personnel and Board Governance Committee.

Kelli strives to be a professional with outstanding people skills, not only in an academic setting but also in a business setting, through customer service skills, evidenced by her ownership of a small business for 12 years. She works effectively with others to develop a productive working relationship.

I believe Kelli will help our students achieve success; as she has been successful in her many roles. If you have any questions regarding my whole-hearted support of Kelli, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hae K. Okimoto".

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Eleanore Chuang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Donna Mercado Kim – Chair, Higher Education Committee, Hawaii State Senate

Michelle M. Kidani – Vice Chair, Higher Education Committee, Hawaii State Senate

Esteemed Members of the Higher Education Committee, Hawaii State Senate

From: Eleanore Chuang

Date: July 1, 2020

Re: **SUPPORT** GM 845 – Confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLI ACOPAN

As a recent PhD alumna and Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Hawaii, I wholeheartedly endorse the re-appointment of Kelli Acopan to the UH Board of Regents. Having kept her apprised of student issues in the past, I am certain that she will provide stable leadership and a strong voice for students during a time of great uncertainty. Moving toward re-establishment of in-person education, UH will need her steadfast commitment to students' issues now more than ever.

Please confirm Gubernatorial Nominee, KELLI ACOPAN.

Sincerely,

Eleanore Chuang