

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
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**Testimony in Support
Confirmation of Mr. Elwyn Watkins to the Hawai‘i Commission for National and
Community Service (GM717) for a term ending June 30, 2021
and (GM718) subsequent term ending June 30, 2025**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of GM717 regarding Mr. Elwyn Watkins’ appointment to serve on the Hawai‘i Commission for National and Community Service**. Elwyn embodies a commitment to community service and volunteerism through his work at the University of Hawai‘i and is a stellar candidate given his background in public safety services at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. During my prior service on the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents, I was impressed by Elwyn’s commitment to his volunteer endeavors as he faithfully attended Board meetings, even those taking place on neighbor islands and outside of Honolulu. Elwyn’s prior volunteer work has provided him the opportunity to work with colleagues and constituents throughout the State of Hawai‘i. I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge you to vote “yes” at his confirmation hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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