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**Senate Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**

Testimony by:

Kendra Oishi, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents

**S.B. No. 3155 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF
REGENTS.**

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

The Board of Regents (Board) supports S.B. No. 3155 which seeks to realign the terms of members of the Board by changing the number of Regent terms that will expire each year from three to two and requiring the Governor to adjust the terms of individuals appointed to the Board accordingly.

Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, reduced the number of members of the Board from fifteen to eleven. As a result, the number of members whose terms will expire in the coming years is not evenly distributed and may result in sudden losses of institutional knowledge and experience. Realignment of the terms of members of the Board appointed by the Governor until an equitable number of terms expire each year as proposed by S.B. No. 3155 will resolve this situation. Because each member's term, with the exception of the student member, is five years, two terms should expire each year to provide for consistency and equity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 3155.