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COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

SB 960 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL. Repeals the University of Hawaii Board of Regents Candidate Advisory Council. Authorizes the Governor to directly appoint members to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Effective upon ratification of a constitutional amendment.	HRE, JDC/WAM
SB 835 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Repeals the requirement that the annual general fund budget appropriation for the University of Hawaii shall be 3 to 5 times the estimated regular tuition and related fee revenues for that year.	HRE, WAM
SB 281 Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM. Establishes a state income tax deduction for eligible contributions made by residents of the State into the HI529-Hawaii's College Savings Program.	HRE, WAM

SB 631

**Status &
Testimony**

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 6,
OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE
APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

HRE, JDC/WAM

Proposes an amendment to article X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution to modify the appointment process for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. Repeals the requirement that the governor shall only appoint from pools of candidates presented by the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair