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April 13, 2023

Testimony from The Contractors Association of Kaua'i (CAK)

Before the Senate Committee on Higher Education

Monday, April 17, 2023

1:00 p.m.

in consideration of GM600

Laurel Loo, Esq.

Gubernatorial Nominee to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents

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

The Contractors Association of Kaua'i (CAK) a hundred member trade association based on Kaua'i for 66 years is honored to provide testimony of **strong support** for one of our active, esteemed members - Laurel Loo, Esq. to serve on the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Ms. Loo is a product of the Kaua'i and Hawai'i's public school system from 'Ele'ele Elementary School and Waimea High School to the University of Hawai'i, Manoa for her undergraduate degree and finally to the William S. Richardson School of Law, where she served as Law Review Business Editor.

Ms. Loo is an active volunteer in the community including being a director of the Kaua'i Adolescent Treatment Center for Healing; past president of the Kaua'i YWCA, and former director of the Kaua'i Humane Society. She will bring to the Board of Regents leadership skills sought by many non-profits on Kaua'i. She will also bring strong core values of our community, along with a strong desire to serve and better every organization she has been affiliated with.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide unconditional and strong support for Laurel Loo to be as a member of the Board of Regents.

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

April 17, 2023
G.M. 600

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii
Gubernatorial Nominee Laurel Loo for a term to expire June 30, 2027

Chair Kim and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for the nomination of Laurel to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

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

Ms. Loo has been serving as an interim regent since the beginning of this calendar year. She was appointed to the position formerly held by Regent Robert Westerman, whose term expired June 30, 2022. During this brief time, she has been an active, interested, and thoughtful member of the Board. She is currently a member of three Board committees: budget and finance, independent audit, and planning and facilities, where she has been a quick learner.

I strongly encourage your recommendation to the full Senate of her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.

GM-600

Submitted on: 4/16/2023 6:06:39 PM

Testimony for HRE on 4/17/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tom Shigemoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kodani, and members of the committee on Higher Education:

I submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the confirmation of Laurel Loo to the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents.

I have known Laurel for more than two decades from the beginning of her illustrious career as a Deputy Attorney for the County of Kauai. My relationship with Laurel continued after her stint with the County due to my professional career in development and land use planning. Our interaction has not been limited to our professions but with her work as counsels for The Contractors Association of Kauai as well as The Kauai Independent Utility Corporation.

I also know of her reputation as an astute advocate for her clients having had personal contacts with some of them in my line of work. Her integrity, intelligence, commitment and dedication is beyond reproach.

The University system is very complex so the University needs people who understand and can decipher the various challenges and are able to prioritize the decisions that are ultimately made. This means collaborating or having the ability to work with other board members. I can personally attest to Laurel's ability to be that type of regent with my experiences with her. It also encompasses a degree of financial and fiscal awareness to fund and operate the University. In her public and private sector career she has undoubtedly had to deal with financial aspects of each. As legislators, you all understand the difficulties the Governor has in recruiting willing and **QUALIFIED** applicants for this very important and prestigious board. Please rest assured that in Laurel you are getting not only a highly qualified individual but one with the heart, desire and ability to enhance the educational experiences for all students.

For the foregoing reasons I ask for your kind consideration in confirming her appointment to the Board Of Regents!

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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TO: SENATOR KIM, CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

SUBJECT: Support for Laurel Loo: Gubernatorial Nominee to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Dear Senator Kim, Chairperson and Members of the Committee:

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023
TIME: 1:00PM
CONFERENCE ROOM: 225

I submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Laurel Loo to serve on the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents representing Kauai.

I have known Laurel for more than 10 years as an active member of the Contractor's Association of Kauai, community volunteer, and owner's representative.

The University of Hawaii has a 10-campus system with all the complexities that comes with a diverse institution serving our communities. Laurel's legal background and experience with land use issues will make her a valuable candidate for a Regent member.

I am glad that Laurel is willing to serve on the Board of Regents, and strongly endorse her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of Laurel Loo.

Shioi Construction, Inc.

Conrad H. Murashige
Chairman