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**Senate Committee on Government Operations
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 3:10 P.M.**

Testimony by:

Yvonne Lau, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents

S.B. No. 2597 – RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

These comments on S.B. No. 2597 are offered in my capacity as the Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i (Board) has not yet had the opportunity to discuss this measure. Discussion is expected to occur at the Board's next meeting on February 16, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on S.B. No. 2597.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2024 5:57:41 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/6/2024 3:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Silva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Clarifies that the prohibition against board and commission holdover members from holding office beyond the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the member's term of office takes precedence over any conflicting statutes

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Submitted on: 2/3/2024 2:41:53 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/6/2024 3:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Finally, clarification as to how long someone can serve on a board or commission after their term has expired. Now all we need is the appointing authority to make timely nominations. Please move this bill forward.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2024 1:08:46 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/6/2024 3:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Weaver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of SB 2597 Relating to Boards and Commissions.

The purpose of the system of having the legislature confirm appointees is to ensure checks and balances are in place and vet new appointees. Unconfirmed appointees should not be able to sit in their position for long periods of time. There is often need for holdover members, but they should have a definite end date.

Please move this bill forward.