University of Hawai'i Regents Candidate Advisory Council

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
IN SUPPORT OF HB 3226, H.D. 3, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
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2:00 p.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Chairman Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Education Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

We are concerned with the confidentiality language cited in HB 3226, H.D. 3, Section 4(I). During recent interviews, some candidates expressed their serious concerns about the potential public disclosure of personal information that the Regents Candidate Advisory Council may become aware of during the candidate review and screening process.

We would appreciate the substitution of the confidentiality language cited in HB 3226, H.D. 3, with the confidentiality language cited in SB 2668, S.D. 2.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$120,000 to support the operations of the Council to fund an administrative position to conduct the day-to-day operations and to cover expenditures including the costs for publication of ads, background searches, travel, office supplies, office equipment, and miscellaneous expenses. Should the requested funding be included in the University's budget, the Council requests that the appropriation be assigned a separate Program ID as is the practice in the case of appropriations for the Aquarium, e.g., UOH 881, Aquaria.

With the modification in the confidentiality language and the requested appropriation, we are in strong support of HB 3226, H.D. 3.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Y. Takeyama, Chair

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