University of Hawai'i **Regents Candidate Advisory Council**

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON

S.B. 2668, S.D. 1, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Date: Friday, February 22, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

Chairman Baker, Vice Chair Tsutsui and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

We strongly support Senate Bill 2668, S.D. 1.

We respectfully request an appropriation of \$120,000 to support the operations of the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (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 and office equipment. This year, the Council operated through the financial and administrative support provided by President McClain through the University of Hawai'i budget.

The Council will build upon this past year's experiences to make improvements as necessary. We received approximately 140 nominations and of these nominations, 86 nominees submitted their applications. We presented the names of the candidates to the Governor on February 21, 2008.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted.

Roy Y. Takeyama,

Chair, Regents Candidate Advisory Council

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