STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3167

Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 1 5 2010

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 436

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 436, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

## WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (WICHE)

G.M. No. 436 STEVEN CHARLES WHEELWRIGHT, for a term to expire 6-30-2014,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee, and finds that Steven Charles Wheelwright has the necessary qualifications to be appointed to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

Testimony in support of Dr. Wheelwright was submitted by Brigham Young University - Hawaii, Brigham Young University -Idaho, Hawaii Pacific University, the New England Board of Higher Education, Stubenberg & Durrett LLLP, and three individuals. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Dr. Wheelwright earned a Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Philosophy from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Utah.

Dr. Wheelwright is the President of Brigham Young University - Hawaii and the Edsel Bryant Ford Professor of Business Administration, Emeritus, at Harvard Business School. He is the



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former Senior Associate Dean of the Harvard Business School's Master of Business Administration Program, former Baker Foundation Professor at the Harvard Business School, and former Senior Associate Dean and Director of Harvard Business School's publication activities. Dr. Wheelwright has written numerous articles that have been published in the *Harvard Business Review* and other periodicals, several book chapters, and a plethora of teaching notes and case studies for Harvard Business School courses.

Upon retirement from Harvard Business School, Dr. Wheelwright presided over the London Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, then served as a missionary at Brigham Young University - Idaho. Testifiers comment on Dr. Wheelwright's openness and collaborative spirit toward the local community and devotion to creating excellent educational experiences for young people.

Dr. Wheelwright provided thoughtful comments and ideas on the priority goals and issues that should be addressed by WICHE, ways to expand Hawaii's involvement in WICHE, and ways the Hawaii State Legislature may increase its participation in WICHE. He emphasizes the need for greater access to higher education for students, increase the use of e-learning opportunities through programs such as Internet Course Exchange, collaborate with other WICHE institutions to maintain the availability of academic opportunities during tough economic times, and get involved with the Legislative Advisory Committee to inform the WICHE Executive Committee of legislative higher education-related issues.

Your Committee finds that Dr. Wheelwright is a highly qualified administrator, educator, and leader with extensive experience in higher education and familiarity with Hawaii's higher education needs. Your Committee also finds that Dr. Wheelwright has the ability to articulate potential solutions and improvements to higher education challenges in Hawaii and other WICHE institutions and would serve the State of Hawaii well as a representative to WICHE.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education,

JILL TOKUDA, Chair

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## Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education HRE Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
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The Committee is reconsidering its decision						
The Recommendation is:						
Advise and Consent Not Advise and Consent 2340 2345						
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused	
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)		~				
SAKAMOTO, Norman (VC)						
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	~				
KOKUBUN, Russell S.		V				
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.						
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.						
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Recommendation:						
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Rosaly H Bake						
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