

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to renew my appointment to the Board of RCUH. In response to your request, I am submitting this written statement, references and resume. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Mahalo,



Donn Takaki

Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i

1. Why do you wish to be a member of RCUH's board of directors?

I believe the mission of RCUH to be important for the State of Hawaii to focus on opportunities to diversify our economy in "higher paying" occupations.

2. The fundamental mission of RCUH is to support the research and training programs of the University of Hawaii and to enhance research, development, and training in Hawaii. How do you perceive your role and responsibilities as a member of RCUH's board of directors?

I perceive our role as ensuring that the management team at RCUH is focused on facilitating research activities in Hawaii. That means taking care of "back office functions" involved in these activities in a cost effective manner. Additionally, the RCUH board must balance the interests of RCUH with the University.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of RCUH's board of directors, why do you believe you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of RCUH's board of directors.

I believe I am qualified due to experience. If confirmed, I will be entering my second term on the RCUH board. My experience up till now has informed me of the management and financial issues facing the organization. Additionally, my "regular" job as president of a several hundred employee business in Hawaii allows me to look at the organization holistically.

4. What role, if any, do you see RCUH playing in the State's effort to recover from the current economic crisis?

Once again, RCUH can deliver its services very efficiently for researchers to focus on obtaining federal grants and doing work that benefits Hawaii. Occasionally, RCUH may learn of research opportunities and bring them to the attention of the appropriate parties.

5. Do you have any real or perceived conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the board of directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i?

My business could potentially be hired by RCUH. To avoid this conflict, I would not be involved in any part of the process should that occur. As a Board Member since 2006, I have never inquired about work from RCUH for my company.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



Testimony
Senate Committee on Higher Education
The Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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State Capitol, Conference Room 329
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by
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RE: Governor's Message 416

Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee **Donn M. Takaki**, for a term to expire 6/30/2014.

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH) supports the appointment of Mr. Donn Takaki to the RCUH Board of Directors. Mr. Takaki has been serving on the RCUH Board since July 2006 so this will be his second term.

Mr. Takaki has been an active participant in Board meetings and currently serves as Board Chair. He takes his responsibilities seriously and has gained a better understanding of the research environment and the important role of RCUH. He is therefore able to contribute to RCUH's mission of supporting the research enterprise at the University of Hawaii and in the State of Hawaii.

We respectfully request your confirmation of Mr. Donn Takaki's appointment to the RCUH Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.