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By

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**GM 792–David Karl**  
**Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i**

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of David Karl's nomination to the RCUH Board of Directors. Dr. Karl will represent the UH system research faculty on the board.

Dr. Karl is a renowned researcher whose investigations have won international respect and acclaim. He joined the University of Hawaii in 1978, has written or co-authored more than 400 scientific publications, and raised more than \$100 million in research grants from both private and public sources—placing him consistently among the top awardees in grants and contracts to UH. He is currently the Victor and Peggy Brandstrom Pavel Chair of Oceanography and Director of the Center for Microbial Oceanography at UH.

Dr. Karl is a fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the American Academy of Microbiology and the Explorers Club of New York, a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and was the lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on climate Change 5<sup>th</sup> climate assessment. He was instrumental in establishing the NSF Science and Technology C-MORE Center at UH-Manoa and helped to create the Simons Collaboration on Ocean Processes and Ecology (scope) program.

Despite his numerous achievements and awards—too many to list in this testimony—Dr. Karl is humble, thoughtful, and caring, an individual who is appreciated and loved by the many students and budding scientists he has mentored. His visionary leadership, understanding of the research enterprise, and deep sense of integrity will bring great value to the RCUH Board of Directors. I believe RCUH will be fortunate to have Dr. Karl on its Board, endorse his appointment, and respectfully urge you to approve his nomination.



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