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*TESTIMONY IN SUPPOR OF GM - DOUGLAS SHINSATO, NOMINEE FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS*

*Senate Committee on Higher Education  
August 30, 2017 @ 8:30  
Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225*

*Testimony in support submitted by: Tom Skerritt, Actor, Director, Writer*

*Senator Kaiali'I Kahele, Chair, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:*

*My name is Tom Skerritt, Emmy Award Actor; (MASH, TURNING POINT, ALIEN, TOP GUN, RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT), CBS, PICKET FENCES, Founder The Film School, The Red Badge Project (Storytelling for PTS*

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*Tom Skerritt  
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*Senator Kaiali'I Kahele Chair,  
Senate Committee on Higher Education  
State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Douglas Shinsato, GM 35, Candidate for University of Hawai'i Board of Regents*

*Dear Chair Kahele,*

*I humbly submit this letter in support of Douglas Shinsato's candidacy for the Hawai'i seat on the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents. Douglas Shinsato has a distinguished career and background in technology which will benefit, not only engineering and scientific studies, but the creative arts, as well. Douglas Shinsato is a man of great character and unquestionable integrity, and imposes a high standard of service excellence upon himself. I firmly believe that Douglas Shinsato is well qualified for the demands placed upon a Regent, and will generously serve the best interests of the people of Hawai'i! The University will be well served with Douglas Shinsato as a Regent of the University of Hawai'i. I support and humbly urge your favorable consideration of his candidacy and would be grateful of your support of Douglas Shinsato. Thank you!*

Testimony in support of **GM 35: Douglas Shinsato**, Nominee for the Board of Regents.

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“Testimony in support submitted by John Hoshibata (private citizen)”

Dear Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair; Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair; and Committee Members:

My name is John Hoshibata. I was a brand new graduate of a local high school (class of 1967), and Douglas immediately approached and befriended me at USC because his uncle had heard from my father. We were best friends throughout college and law school and saw each other regularly throughout our careers (and, in my case, after I retired), even though we were often separated by continents.

Several times a year, especially over the past thirty years, we have met and discussed current (as well as past) international and national events, as well as other many other interesting intellectual, technical and legal issues. These discussions have been informative (to each), analytical (as befits our backgrounds) and very stimulating. I state unequivocally that Douglas is the true Renaissance man who knows much about everything, yet makes all comfortable with his graciousness and sensitivity.

I believe that Douglas will bring to the Board of Regents an active, intelligent, questioning, insightful, appropriate and principled perspective. He can and will work collaboratively and effectively with all Board members, in no large part because he is absolutely independent, dispassionate and fair.

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John Hoshibata

(Former/retired founder and senior partner of Bronster Hoshibata, ALC (1999-2015))

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(Note: Original letter with signature will follow.)

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Testimony in support submitted by:  
Amy Agbayani, co-chair Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights  
Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Diversity

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:

My name is Amy Agbayani, Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Diversity, UH Manoa and co-chair of the Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights. I am in strong support of Mr. Douglas Shinsato to be appointed as a Regent of the University of Hawai'i. My professional career and community service work for over forty years is in the area of education, civil rights and diversity with a focus on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. I was introduced to Mr. Shinsato by colleagues in national organizations working in the area of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in higher education and leadership. He will be an excellent member of the Board of Regents because of his outstanding academic qualifications, extensive and successful experience in business, partnerships with governments, higher education institutions and non-profit organizations. He was born in Wahiawa, lives on the island of Hawai'i and continues his work as a consultant in technology, economic development, higher education and medicine in a consultant in various states, Asia and Europe.

I am very impressed with Mr. Shinsato's range of professional expertise and commitment to education. He clearly understands the important role of higher education to improve the quality of life of individuals, families and cultural capital of our community; increase the skills of the workforce; contribute to basic research; and support innovation and economic development. He is committed to equal access to higher educational opportunities and appreciates the special commitment of the state and the University to Native Hawaiians and our multicultural community.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Mr. Shinsato to be a UH Regent. I am confident he will be a hard working, thoughtful member of the Board of Regent who can be counted on to make good policy decisions that benefit Hawai'i island, our state and our future.

## TESTIMONY

**Senate Committee on Higher Education  
August 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

**GM35 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS SHINSATO, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.**

Honorable Kaiiali'i Kahele, Chair; Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair; and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

I am pleased to support the confirmation of Douglas Shinsato as a Regent of the University of Hawai'i (UH), representing Hawai'i Island. I am Doris Ching, Acting Director of the UH System Academy for Creative Media, Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs, and former Interim Chancellor and Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of UH West O'ahu.

Mr. Shinsato's presence on the UH Board of Regents (BOR) will benefit all residents of Hawai'i Island and the State of Hawai'i. His local, national, and international experiences and networks in business, law, technology, health, higher education, creative intelligence, and creative media and his skills and insights in operations and planning experiences across industries and businesses will bring an added dimension and contribution to the BOR, particularly at a time when UH is increasing collaborations in innovation, commercialization, creative media, and technology to diversify and expand Hawai'i's industries for the economic development of our State.

Mr. Shinsato was born in Wahiawa on O'ahu. Although he spent much of his childhood in California, his ties and love of Hawai'i have drawn him, with his family, back to Hawai'i —and Hawai'i Island. He maintains his relationships and consultations with businesses and entrepreneurships in Asia and other parts of the world and the companies he has worked with continue to extend high regard of his skills as team leader, team builder, and change agent.

Mr. Shinsato's respect for education emerges from his years of working across the globe and observing how education has transformed developing countries into strong economic growth engines within a single generation. He believes the State of Hawai'i, including Hawai'i Island, can emerge as a focal point for developing new industries that depart from tourism and travel. He believes UH can have a major role in moving the State in this direction. His exemplary experiences and actions will impact a higher quality of education and better life for multiple generations of Hawai'i. He will be a tribute to the values and goals of UH and the State of Hawai'i.

It is a privilege to support the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Shinsato to the UH BOR. Your confirmation of Mr. Shinsato is in the highest interest of UH and the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration.

August 28, 2017

Committee on Higher Education  
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair  
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support of Doug Shinsato, GM35, Nominee for UH Board of Regents. Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 8:30am

Aloha Chair Kahele and Vice-Chair Kim,

It is my sincere pleasure to submit my support of Doug Shinsato as the Gubernatorial Nominee for the Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

I have known Mr. Shinsato for a number of years and have been impressed by his accomplishments, his interest in a cross section of subjects and his viewpoints on various topics, locally, nationally and internationally.

In addition to Mr. Shinsato's outstanding bio, he is also the Editor-in-Chief of *Telehealth and Medicine Today* (24,000 readers) and *Blockchain in Healthcare Today*. With his deep and expansive experience and network that spans a wide spectrum of the business world and healthcare industry, I believe Mr. Shinsato possesses the desirable and valuable global and progressive mindset needed to develop and advance the goals of not only UH Hilo, but also the University of Hawaii. His international exposure is a great asset in today's increasingly inter-connected world markets. Mr. Shinsato's peaceful and calm demeanor is complemented by his intellectual and insightful stance. His educational accomplishments will be very instrumental in facilitating the understanding and handling of the numerous complex issues faced by the University of Hawaii and the challenges encountered in the dynamic landscape of higher education today.

In summary, I believe Mr. Shinsato's personality, intellect, experience and skill sets will serve him well as a regent, and more importantly, as an advocate for the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I look forward to his appointment to the Board of Regents.

Warmest Mahalo,



Yu Yok Pearring, MBA  
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**From:** [Jeanne Yagi](#)  
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The Honorable Senator Kaiali'I Kahele, Chair,  
The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair,  
and Senate Higher Education Committee Members:

Testimony in support of GM 35 : Douglas Shinsato, Nominee for  
the Board of Regents  
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Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

We are Jimmy and Jeanne Yagi, residents of Hilo, Hawai`i, and active long-time [backers](#) of the University of Hawai`i at Hilo.

We stand in strong support of Mr. Douglas Shinsato to be appointed for service as a Regent of the University of Hawai`i.

We believe Mr. Shinsato's education and broad international experience in business and higher education—along with his appreciation of our State's culture—will add new value to the assembly of Regents who work for the entire system of the University of Hawai`i.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this appointment.

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**From:** [William Currie](#)  
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Testimony in support of GM 35: Douglas Shinsato, Nominee for the Board of Regents  
Senate Committee on Higher Education  
August 30, 2017 @ 8:30am  
Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

Testimony in support submitted by William Currie, S.J., Ph.D., President Emeritus, Sophia University, Tokyo

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members:

It is a pleasure for me to support the appointment of Douglas Shinsato as a Regent of the University of Hawai'i. I first met Doug more than forty years ago when he was working for the Boston Consulting Group and teaching part time at Sophia University in Tokyo. I was sure then that he had a bright future ahead of him, and over the years those great expectations have more than been fulfilled. He has had an outstanding career as scholar, writer, educator, businessman and consultant. Through all his varied activities he has shown himself to be a person of intelligence, good judgment, compassion and integrity. I believe that he is eminently qualified to serve as Regent on the Board of your distinguished University, and I recommend him with enthusiasm.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 35

DOUGLAS SHINSATO,  
NOMINEE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS

Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 8:30 a.m.  
Hawai'i State Legislature, Room 225

Dear Senators Kahele, Kim, and Committee Members:

My name is Margery Bronster. I write on behalf of nominee Douglas Shinsato.

I met Douglas about eighteen (18) years ago through my law partner, John Hoshibata. Since I have known him, we have discussed his very wide-ranging business interests, our law practice, and other professional subjects and issues. We also got to know each other on a personal and social level.

I know Douglas to be extremely intelligent and articulate about world events and his technical and business acumen and contacts. As the Committee is aware, he is a business attorney, and we shared common interests. He is a most impressive person intellectually and personally.

Based on my knowledge of him, I believe with his knowledge, qualifications, and professional contacts, he will succeed as a Regent in the complicated milieu of the University of Hawai'i, the State government; and the issues and challenges before them. I am confident that he has the personality, the charisma, and the "smarts" to be able to work with, and achieve consensus with, the various powers that be with all the university's various stakeholders and the community at large.

I feel that Douglas will be a most effective member of the Board of Regents. He will bring a fresh perspective to the Board, to the larger University community and to the State of Hawai'i.

Respectfully,  
Margery S. Bronster