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## Legislative Testimony

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
on  
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By  
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JC 6 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the First Circuit, Judicial Nominee, DAROLYN LENDIO HEIM, for a term to expire in 6 years.

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

This testimony is written in support of Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald's nomination of Darolyn H. Lendio to serve our State as a District Court Judge for the First Circuit.

Ms. Lendio is a devoted public servant who served as Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel for the University of Hawai'i for almost 9 years. This job requires “herding of cats,” and skills in navigating adeptly between advising both the Board of Regents as well as Administration on any given issue. As former Corporation Counsel of the City and County of Honolulu and University General Counsel, Ms. Lendio had to be adept at advising multiple clients within a complex organization rife with potentials for conflict. She is both intelligent and savvy, and she used both skills in interacting with the Legislature and the Board of Regents.

Ms. Lendio faced many high pressure situations while serving at the University, and she always faced them head-on, with steadfast resolve and mental toughness. She will not shirk from making hard decisions on the bench.

I believe Ms. Lendio has a solid reputation in the community as to trustworthiness and honesty, and her strong sense of citizenship is evident from her resume. I believe Chief Justice Recktenwald has made a fine choice in his nomination of Ms. Lendio.

Thank you for your consideration.