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Nomination of Theodore E. Liu (GM 269)

Chairs Fukunaga and Nishihara, and Members of the Committees:

I support the nomination of Theodore E. Liu as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Over the past four years, Mr. Liu's vision of economic development for the State of Hawai'i has encouraged active collaboration between state government and the University of Hawai'i's ten campuses. DBEDT initiatives have been notably congruent with those of the University, particularly in the development of a technologically capable workforce in a global marketplace.

Ted Liu has facilitated linkages between and among state and federal government resources, business and industry, and international entities that have resulted in increased exposure for the University to resources and markets. Ted has sought opportunities for public/private partnerships via trade missions to Asia and elsewhere and in the development of start-up companies that utilize research from the University of Hawai'i. He has promoted the University itself as a destination for students in all fields, particularly in hospitality and tourism training, health careers, international business, and English language training.

Ted Liu has enabled the institution to become even more globally engaged than in the past. We encourage you to support this continued collaboration and cooperation between the State government and the University continue through the reappointment of Mr. Liu as Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism for a second term.