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Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Education Friday, April 13, 2012 at 1:15pm by Eric Martinson, Chair Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i System

GM 838 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the Governor's nominee, Francisco Hernandez, as a commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

As Vice Chancellor for Students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the past five years, Dr. Hernandez has been an asset to our flagship campus. He has many years of exemplary experience with higher education institutions and would be a knowledgeable voice that would bring a unique perspective to the WICHE discussions. Francisco would be an excellent addition to the state's representation on WICHE.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to confirm him for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for Francisco Hernandez.