



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
April 9, 2014 at 1:15pm
by
David Lassner
Interim President
University of Hawai'i System

GM 530 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, J.N. MUSTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to strongly support GM 530, the Governor's reappointment of Dr. J.N. Musto to the Education Commission of the States (ECS). As Executive Director of the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly (UHPA), Dr. Musto has been an important partner in the University's mission to advance the educational capacity and capability of the entire State of Hawai'i. Over his long and distinguished career he has developed and demonstrated a deep understanding of and commitment to education in Hawai'i.

The ECS is an excellent resource for policy trends, academic research, and as a forum for states to share information across political and governance lines. I know that Dr. Musto has brought back to Hawai'i the information and insights disseminated via ECS workshops, seminars, and research projects on public education policy and priorities. And his particular expertise in collective bargaining, public employment, and labor relations will no doubt continue to serve as an invaluable resource to the ECS and its members.

Dr. Musto has indicated his willingness and interest to continue to serve, and I believe he will continue to be a worthy representative for Hawai'i. I strongly support this appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 530.