



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 1240 – PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 6, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB1240, which proposes a constitutional amendment to modify the appointment process for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i. The University of Hawai'i **supports** this measure.

We believe that repealing the requirement that appointments to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents be made from pools of qualified candidates presented to the governor by the Candidate Advisory Council for the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i will provide the Governor with more flexibility and choice in identifying and appointing the best possible Regents for the University of Hawai'i. A similar approach was recently taken for the selection of the Board of Education and this measure would provide a consistent process for both of these important boards.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.