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GM 855 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaiʻi Labor Relations Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, J MUSTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the University of Hawaiʻi wholeheartedly in support of Governor's Message No. 855, regarding the nomination of J.N. Musto, Ph.D., to serve on the Hawaiʻi Labor Relations Board (HLRB) for a six (6) year term to end on June 30, 2022.

I believe that current and past UH Administrators, to include Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and Chancellors, would agree with me that during Dr. Musto's thirty-five (35) plus years serving as the University of Hawaiʻi Professional Assembly's (UHPA) Executive Director and Chief Negotiator, he conducted himself with the highest standards of integrity and morality, thus becoming one of the most influential, well-respected, and distinguished leaders within Hawaiʻi's labor community.

There is no question that Dr. Musto is highly qualified and well-suited to serve on the HLRB. Dr. Musto fully appreciates and recognizes the importance of upholding the constitutional mandates under Article XIII of the Hawaiʻi State Constitution and its enforcement under HRS, Chapter 89, exemplifying the heart and spirit of promoting productive public employment relations. Dr. Musto's leadership, knowledge, and understanding of Hawaiʻi's collective bargaining law will be an asset to the HLRB as well as to our labor community and to our State. The UH is in full support of Dr. Musto's nomination and requests your Committee's favorable consideration and recommendation to support his confirmation.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** of Governor's Message No. 855 and your consideration and confirmation of Dr. J.N. Musto.