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**STATUS OF THE REGENTS CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL LIST OF FINALISTS FOR  
THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

On November 7, 2006, Hawai'i voters approved the constitutional amendment calling for the establishment of a candidate advisory council to address the concerns about appointments to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i and requiring the governor to select the Board of Regents candidates from a pool of people screened and proposed by the council.

The Regents Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) was created by Act 56 of the 2007 Session Laws of Hawai'i in conformity with Article X, Section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution.

By letter dated February 20, 2008, the RCAC fulfilled its statutory requirement by presenting Governor Lingle with a slate of twenty-two (22) names of qualified candidates for twelve (12) vacancies. From this slate, she appointed, with the Senate's consent, six regents to fill two (2) Honolulu County seats, two (2) Hawai'i County seats, one (1) Maui County seat, and one (1) At Large seat.

The remaining six vacancies were filled by Governor Lingle with six of the seven regents whose terms had expired on June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2008 to continue to serve on the Board of Regents as "holdovers"; namely, Byron Bender (Honolulu), Catherine Lagareta (Honolulu), Jane Tatibouet (Honolulu), Marlene Hapai (At Large) Ramón de la Peña (Kaua'i), and Michael Dahilig (Student). The seventh regent, Andres Albano, whose name was on the RCAC's list for an At Large seat, was not selected by the Governor to continue to serve as a "holdover."

Senators Colleen Hanabusa and Norman Sakamoto filed a writ of mandamus alleging that the Governor must appoint from the list submitted by the Regents Candidate Advisory Council for these six positions.

The continuation as regents by the six "holdovers" selected by Governor Lingle when a list of twenty-two qualified candidates was presented to her by the RCAC is in direct contravention to the Hawai'i State Constitution and Act 56.

Recruitment is currently underway for two Honolulu County seats on the Board of Regents that will become vacant on June 30, 2009. Applications are currently being accepted through November 17, 2008 for the two Honolulu County vacancies. Please call Roy Takeyama at 692-1218 for more information or visit the RCAC website: [www.hawaii.edu/rcac](http://www.hawaii.edu/rcac).

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