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CAC Presents Finalists for Interim Appointments to the UH Board of Regents

HONOLULU – The Candidate Advisory Council (CAC) for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents has presented a list of candidates to Governor Neil Abercrombie to fill the following seats for interim appointments, with the duration of appointments subject to confirmation by the Hawai'i State Senate:

City and County of Honolulu (for a term to expire on 6/30/17)

1. Simeon R. Acoba, Jr.
2. Peter S. Adler
3. Maralyn A. Kurshals
4. Michael T. McEnerney
5. Russel S. Nagata

Hawai'i County (for a term to expire on 6/30/16)

1. Wayne S. Higaki
2. Peter S. Hoffmann
3. Roy A. Vitousek III

Kaua'i County (for a term to expire on 6/30/17)

1. Dileep G. Bal
2. David Iha
3. Klaus Keil

Maui County (for a term to expire on 6/30/15)

1. Sherrilee K. Dodson
2. Anders F. Lyons
3. Helen F. Nielsen

The Board of Regents is the governing body of the University of Hawai'i and consists of fifteen (15) members. Representation includes seven (7) from the City and County of Honolulu; two (2) from Hawai'i County; two (2) from Maui County; one (1) from Kauai County; two (2) At Large; and one (1) University of Hawai'i student.

The CAC was created after the passage of the Hawai'i Board of Regents Candidates Act, a 2006 legislatively-referred constitutional amendment. Hawai'i voters overwhelmingly supported requiring the Governor to select Board of Regents candidates from a pool of qualified candidates who were screened and proposed by the CAC.

All candidate lists are compiled only after the CAC completes its comprehensive review and selection process, which is solely and exclusively merit-based. The council adheres strictly to procedures that are set forth in either state statutes or the council's administrative rules.

The CAC began this recruitment in early July of this year due to the resignations of the regents who had filled these seats. Council members personally recruited candidates and contacted and encouraged government, business, and community leaders to nominate regent candidates. The council placed print advertisements and issued news releases encouraging applications.

CAC Chairman L. Thomas Ramsey expressed his appreciation to the many individuals who applied during this recruitment period.

Applications will still be accepted for one (1) City and County of Honolulu seat and one (1) Maui County seat for 5-year appointments to begin July 1, 2015. The deadline for receipt of applications for these two seats is October 31, 2014.

Members of the Board of Regents as well as the CAC serve voluntarily and are not paid.

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