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**Finalists for Student Appointment to the UH Board of Regents Named**

HONOLULU – The Candidate Advisory Council (CAC) for the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents has presented a list of candidates to Governor David Ige to fill one Student seat for a 2-year appointment, beginning July 1, 2018, subject to confirmation by the Hawai'i State Senate.

The finalists for this seat are:

1. Kelli K. K. Acopan
2. Ian F. Tapu
3. Brian P. Wild

Finalist biographies are available at [www.hawaii.edu/rcac](http://www.hawaii.edu/rcac)

The CAC began accepting applications to fill this vacancy in early Fall by contacting and encouraging student groups to nominate candidates. The council also placed print advertisements and issued news releases encouraging applications.

All applications were thoroughly and comprehensively reviewed and screened by all CAC members. The Candidate Advisory Committee is statutorily responsible for conducting recruitment efforts, accepting and screening applications, interviewing candidates and submitting to the governor the names of nominees willing to serve as regents of the University of Hawai'i System, which is a voluntary non-compensated public appointment.

Candidate lists are compiled after a comprehensive review and selection process, which is solely and exclusively merit-based and according to procedures set forth in state statutes and the council's administrative rules.

"The Candidate Advisory Council members sincerely thank all the students who applied for this seat on the Board of Regents. We had a number of highly qualified applicants, and we are truly inspired by their desire to serve the University and the State of Hawai'i," said chair Brigitte Yoshino.

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 Kaua'i County; two (2) At Large; and one (1) University of Hawai'i student.

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