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Finalists Named for Kaua'i County Appointment to 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 David Ige to fill the Kaua'i County seat vacancy due to the resignation of Regent Norma Doctor Sparks. The appointment begins immediately, subject to confirmation by the Hawai'i State Senate, and ends on June 30, 2022.

The finalists for this seat are:

1. Dileep G. Bal
2. Charlene K. Ono
3. Robert F. Westerman

Finalist biographies are available at www.hawaii.edu/rcac

The CAC began accepting applications to fill this vacancy in early spring by contacting and encouraging government, business, and community leaders 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 thank all the Kaua'i County individuals who applied for this seat on the Board of Regents. We are pleased to submit these names for consideration to the governor," 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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