MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph G. Moore  
   Chairperson, University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents

VIA: David Lassner  
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FROM: Robert Bley-Vroman  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ACTION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO (2) KOSASA ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS IN OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY AND WOMEN’S HEALTH AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:
The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine seeks the approval of the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents to accept a $1,000,000 gift commitment to honor the Kosasa family and name two (2) $500,000 Kosasa Endowed Professorships in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women’s Health at the University of Hawai‘i Foundation in recognition of this gift.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Request that this is effective upon Board of Regents approval.

ADDITIONAL COST:
No additional costs are associated with this request.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the gift is to provide support for two endowed professorships in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine (“JABSOM”) in an effort to support, reward, and retain talented faculty, as well as to provide resources to the chair to enhance the research, education, and community outreach missions of the department.
Funds may be used by the recipients at their discretion to enhance and support the program.

Examples of how funds may be used include, but are not limited to:

1. Salary support for the recipients based on the determination of the Dean of JABSOM and the Department chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health.

2. Program support as follows: The recipients will consider input from the Dean of JABSOM and the Department Chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health in determining priorities for research, education and community outreach initiatives.

   a. Travel by the recipients and/or other members of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health to other universities and medical schools, government agencies, and industry visits.

   b. Attendance at workshops, short or extended courses, and other educational opportunities on or off campus, by the recipient and/or by other members of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health.

   c. Support for faculty, junior faculty, fellows, residents, medical students, graduate researchers, allied health professionals, and administrative professionals in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at JABSOM.

   d. Support for research, curriculum, and/or program development in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at JABSOM.

Funds may also be used to support the recruitment and relocation expenses of the professorship positions.

The recipients shall make an annual report to the Dean of JABSOM and the Department Chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at JABSOM.

During any period of vacancy of these endowed positions, proceeds in excess of an amount equal to an annual distribution may be used in support of general faculty recruitment and start-up packages for the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at the discretion of the Dean of JABSOM.
Criteria
Candidates must:
1. Be a current faculty member or new recruit.
2. Be an associate professor or higher rank at the time of assignment of the professorship.
3. Have a documented record of research and knowledge in the program area.
4. Be able to provide program leadership and to make contributions to the education, and/or research goals of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at JABSOM.

BACKGROUND:

The funding for this naming opportunity will be from a gift commitment of $1,000,000 made to honor the Kosasa family.

The Kosasa family legacy started with Sidney Kosasa who was a student attending UC Berkeley School of Pharmacy during WWII when he was interned at the Tule Lake relocation camp in California. In 1943, he married Ms. Minnie Ryugo at the camp. After their release, they eventually returned to Hawaiʻi, formed a family company, and opened a drugstore, Kaimuki Pharmacy, later known as Thrifty Drugs. In 1964 Sidney and Minnie Kosasa opened the first ABC Store. Today, the chain of ABC Stores is one of the most successful business enterprises in Hawaiʻi.

Today, family members have found many avenues to give back to the community.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:
Board approval of the naming of two (2) $500,000 Kosasa Endowed Professorships in Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine in recognition of a $1,000,000 gift commitment to the University of Hawaiʻi Foundation.