

## **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM**

Legislative Testimony

## Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology April 18, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. by MRC Greenwood President, University of Hawai'i

GM 691 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN F. MORTON, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the Governor's nomination of John Morton to serve on the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation.

Dr. Morton has served ably in an interim capacity on the HTDC Board and is eminently suited for the permanent appointment. I work closely with him in his capacity as Vice President for Community Colleges of the University of Hawai'i System and have the very highest respect for his abilities, intellect, and integrity. It is important for the University and HTDC to have a strong, cooperative working relationship to further our mutual interest in advancing Hawai'i's innovation economy, and Dr. Morton's role on the HTDC Board will help to advance that relationship and ensure the success of our innovation initiatives.

I am confident that Dr. Morton's service will fully justify the trust and confidence the Governor has placed in him by appointing him to this important position.