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**House Committee on Higher Education & Technology  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 2:00 p.m.**

**Testimony by:**

**Kendra Oishi, Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents**

**H.B. No. 1105 – RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS  
CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the Committee:

These comments are offered in my capacity as Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (“Board Secretary”) on H.B. No. 1105 which proposes changes to the composition of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i and also makes the Board Secretary responsible for ensuring that all appointing authorities make their appointment within 120 days prior to the end of the term of the previously appointed member.

While I take no position on the merits of H.B. No. 1105, I would respectfully request that the language on page 6, lines 1-4, be deleted, as the Board Secretary has no jurisdictional or enforcement authority over the appointing entities. There also may be a potential conflict of interest if the Board Secretary is involved in the Regent appointment process, as the Board Secretary is a direct report to the Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on H.B. No. 1105.