



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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GM 813 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE KIMURA, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 813 in support of the confirmation of Leslie Kimura to the Board of Directors for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

Ms. Kimura has served as the Executive Director of the 'Imiloa Astronomy Center at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo for over ten years. In this capacity she has provided excellent leadership in growing 'Imiloa to become a world renowned astronomy center, sharing traditional Hawaiian knowledge and modern astronomy. Ms. Kimura conducts extensive work with the community in her professional and personal capacity, volunteering time on many community boards and committees.

Ms. Kimura will be a tremendous asset in this role and we strongly support the confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.