TO: The Board of Regents, University of Hawaii
FROM: Dr. Marguerite Butler, Professor, School of Life Sciences, UH Manoa

On behalf of: Multiple members of the Manoa Faculty Senate including committee chairs and

officers

DATE: 03/21/24

RE: Testimony regarding agenda items IlI.B

the health and future of Hawaii’s only research intensive university that the re-separation of the

roles be thoughtfully executed in a major multi-year reorganization process that returns Mãnoa

offices from System. The new president must have a deep understanding of the requirements of

a research university for the future of higher education in our state.

We respectfully su bm it these requests/comments:

1) We respectfully request that regents attend stakeholder listening sessions/town halls.

2) Advance notice of aooroximatelv two months for official consultation by the Manoa

Faculty Senate (MFS) and other campus senates.

3) We recommend the use of Zoom interviews by the PSAG to narrow down to a short

list of 3-4 finalists, using the same set of questions for each candidate designed to

explore the search criteria. This is standard practice for academic searches.

4) Campus visits by each of the finalists to occur during the duty IDeriod of 9-month

faculty so that broad faculty and student participation will be feasible. (August - May)

5) The candidate profile to include possessing the qualifications to be the Chancellor of a

research intensive university.

6) The MFS requests copies of prior President and Chancellor search ads/position

descriptions and minimum and desired qualifications. We note that President Lassner

was hired at a time when the roles were separate and a Mãnoa chancellor was in place.

Thank you for considering our requests. The Mãnoa Faculty Senate will be discussing the

search criteria at the April meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marguerite Butler, Senator, co-Chair, Committee on Faculty Service

Dr. Ashley Maynard, Senator, Chair of the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning

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