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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
TIME: 1:15p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 329  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**GM 436: Testimony in behalf of Steven Charles Wheelwright,** Gubernatorial Nominee being submitted for consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation in support of Steven C. Wheelwright's nomination to the WICHE. Dr. Wheelwright has been the President of Brigham Young University—Hawaii in Laie since June 2007. A man of great academic background from the University of Utah with his undergraduate studies in Math and a minor in physics and chemistry, he later earned both his MBA and PhD degrees from Stanford Graduate School of Business. He retired after years of teaching in INSEAD, a business school in France and also at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Harvard Business School. Still after these years of experience, he continued as a volunteer for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 2000 to 2003 as President of the England London Mission overseeing a group of more than 100 young volunteers in that area.

Besides his accolades as a solid academic scholar and author of several management books and numerous published papers, his involvement with the international arena gives him an edge over many in his field of research in solving managerial problems and forecasting future business trends.

Dr. Wheelwright's stewardship over the BYU Hawaii campus comes at a time of national economic concern but his expertise has lent itself to reviewing its impact not only on the university but surrounding community. He has earned the respect of his colleagues on and off campus as he has learned to immerse himself to his new environment and yet make major contributions to adaptation of change to meet the economic challenges of the day. His willingness to work in and with the community has broaden his vision and has allowed others to benefit from his knowledge and experiences. He solicits feedback from students and faculty and is open to collaboration with community members in reviewing ways to move efforts forward in ways that would benefit not only the university but the state of Hawaii as well.

As the longest serving board member of the Laie Community Association (LCA), it has been my pleasure to work alongside Dr. Steven Wheelwright on numerous occasions in helping to resolve particular issues in the community. His willingness to reach out to the community and to even hold cottage meetings in their own home, inviting *kupuna*'s and students alike to discuss various topics, confirmed to me his initiative in becoming involved and to reach out and to participate in helping to resolve issues that would impact our community as a whole.

To have someone of his caliber is a major asset to our community. His academic qualifications and numerous years of experience will bring new insights and provide much contribution to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

I am honored to endorse Steven Charles Wheelwright for such a nomination!

Sincerely,

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