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FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ

Nomination to the Western
Interstate Commission for Higher
Education

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Francisco Hernandez

Responses to questions regarding the nomination to serve on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

Why do you wish to be a member of the WICHE?

I wish to be a member of the WICHE for two reasons. The first is so that I can learn about the programs, activities, and policies in other states that could benefit our efforts to increase access to higher education for students in Hawaii. The second is to use the resources of the WICHE; its programs, conferences, meetings, and research findings to benefit Hawaii students in higher education.

How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the WICHE?

My role as a member of the WICHE is to contribute my expertise to improve the quality of the programs sponsored by the WICHE, and to use my acquired knowledge about higher education to provide my perspective on the development of policy issues facing the western states. In addition I have the responsibility to use the opportunity of the WICHE membership to learn about any best practices that can be duplicated in our state. Finally, I have the responsibility to inform our higher education leaders about all of the efforts, activities and programs involved with our membership on the WICHE.

Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the WICHE why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the WICHE.

I am qualified for this position because of my 30+ years of experience in higher education. I have been a lead administrator in several institutions of higher education and have developed innovative approaches to different challenges facing our colleges and universities. I have been involved in many efforts to increase access to higher education especially for those students from low-income and minority communities. I have also been involved in creating special programs that utilize technology to provide better services to students. Because of my special interests, I can be of service to the WICHE in two of the priority issues: access and success plus technology and innovation.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to be able to provide additional access to the WICHE services to Hawaii students and members of the higher education community. I also hope to provide a perspective from Hawaii about the several research and policy issues facing higher education in the US. Lastly, I hope to contribute to the regional dialogue about the future direction of higher education innovations to benefit low-income and minority students.

Name three qualities that best describe you and that you would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the WICHE?

Three qualities that best describe me are: I am well organized. I am diligent about completing assignments. I am committed to access and success in higher education.

These qualities would benefit the WICHE because I will be able to provide insight and experience in an area of special interest for the WICHE and I will be able to contribute to other areas in which the WICHE may need assistance. Of equal importance is that I have shown that I am able to participate in boards in a collaborative manner.

Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the WICHE?

I was asked to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of WCET, a special program of the WICHE. During that time I was part of an initiative to create a new national organization for online learning at the K-12 level. I co-wrote a grant proposal that allowed the WICHE and WCET to be the incubators for the new North American Council for Online Learning (NACOL). I was also a Chair and founding board member of NACOL. I worked closely with the WICHE to create this new organization. This interaction would benefit the WICHE because I am able to provide additional national connections for the WICHE programs.

Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the WICHE? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interests that would arise from my service on the WICHE.

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TESTIMONY



University of Hawai'i Foundation

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Committee on Education

April 13, 2012 at 1:15 pm Room 225

by

Donna Vuchinich

President & CEO, University of Hawai'i Foundation

**GM 838 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO WESTERN
INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

We are very happy to submit this letter of support regarding Francisco Hernandez's consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Francisco Hernandez is an accomplished academic leader and student advocate. His knowledge and experience make him an ideal nominee for this important commission, and his participation will support the efforts currently underway to fulfill Hawai'i's educational goals for the future.

We wholeheartedly support this nomination. Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully urge your committee's **support** to confirm this nomination.

Donna Vuchinich
President and CEO, University of Hawai'i Foundation



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BOARD OF REGENTS

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 1:15pm

by

Eric Martinson, Chair
Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i System

GM 838 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the Governor's nominee, Francisco Hernandez, as a commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

As Vice Chancellor for Students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the past five years, Dr. Hernandez has been an asset to our flagship campus. He has many years of exemplary experience with higher education institutions and would be a knowledgeable voice that would bring a unique perspective to the WICHE discussions. Francisco would be an excellent addition to the state's representation on WICHE.

I respectfully encourage the Committee to confirm him for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for Francisco Hernandez.



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Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity (SEED)

Friday, April 13, 2012

Testimony in support of GM 838 Francisco Hernandez for WICHE
Submitted by Dr. Amy Agbayani, Director

Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Education

I am taking this opportunity to express my professional and personal support for Dr. Francisco Hernandez's nomination to WICHE. As my direct supervisor in student affairs at Manoa, I have had countless opportunities to work with Dr. Hernandez on many complex issues and am very impressed with his knowledge of Hawaii and national K-20 data and policy issues. He has extensive experience in higher education and has a proven track record working with students, faculty and community groups. He has consistently supported partnerships and policies for equal access and success for all students. He will be a very able and competent Hawaii representative to WICHE.

Subject: GM 838 – Strong support for your consideration and confirmation of Francisco Hernandez to serve on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing to express my strong, enthusiastic support for your consideration and confirmation of Francisco Hernandez to serve on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, as recommended by Governor Abercrombie. In serving as Chancellor of UH Mānoa, I have had the honor and pleasure of working closely with Francisco for almost five years in his position as Vice Chancellor for Students at UH Mānoa. He has great expertise and experience in higher education and will be a true asset to the Commission. He is a highly respected member of UH Mānoa and his leadership has been pivotal in much of our progress in student success. In addition, he is often asked to share his knowledge in national and international forums, so he has both a local, national and international understanding of higher education. I know that he will make major contributions as a member of the Commission, so I respectfully request your full support of his consideration and confirmation.

Mahalo – Virginia S. Hinshaw

Aloha,

I want to express my strong support for the appointment of Francisco Hernandez to Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE).

I have served on the Charter School Review Panel with Francisco and have found him to be thoughtful, insightful and a great listener. He was very effective in sub-committee meetings where his research abilities and critical thinking always improved the group decision-making.

Francisco would do an excellent job on WICHE and be an excellent state representative!!

Sincerely,

Nina K. Buchanan, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita, University of Hawaii Hilo

Written Testimony
The Senate Committee on Education
Friday, April 3, 2012 at 1:15 pm
By
Dr. Lori M. Ideta

GM 838 CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

While I am a proud three-time alum and employee of the University of Hawai'i, today, I present this written testimony as a private citizen.

I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Francisco J. Hernandez at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for the past five years. Dr. Hernandez currently serves as the Vice Chancellor for Students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. As an effective administrator and educator, Dr. Hernandez brings a multitude of skills to his current position. Having had decades of experience in both private and public institutions in California, Dr. Hernandez is the perfect candidate to serve as a commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. I believe strongly that Dr. Hernandez will represent Hawai'i well as a commissioner for WICHE.

I give Dr. Francisco J. Hernandez my wholehearted support to serve as a WICHE commissioner. I strongly urge you to confirm Dr. Francisco J. Hernandez to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Conner

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dr. Carl Ackerman
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Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

Vice-Chancellor Francisco Hernandez has been instrumental in supporting the Clarence T. C. Ching PUEO Program at Punahou School. He has helped us set up programs at the University of Hawai'i in order to help us in our mission of making sure public school students attend college. As a colleague and fellow educational professional I can fairly use the Yiddish term "Mensch" (which means really good person) to describe Vice-Chancellor Hernandez.

I support the nomination of the Governor.

Carl Rogers Ackerman, Ph.D.
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Erin Conner

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Submitted by: Luoluo Hong
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Submitted on: 4/2/2012

Comments:

Given Dr. Francisco Hernandez's strong background in higher education policy, I would highly support his appointment into this role. I have worked with him as a fellow senior student affairs officer in the University of Hawaii System for over four years, and know first-hand that he would be an excellent colleague to have serving in this capacity. He would represent Hawaii very effectively.

Erin Conner

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Susan Nishida
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Submitted on: 4/12/2012

Comments:

I am submitting testimony in support of Dr. Francisco Hernandez's confirmation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Gubernatorial Nominee.

Dr. Hernandez has served as the Vice Chancellor for Students at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa campus since August 2006. As the Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu campus, I've had the pleasure of working collaboratively with him on a number of projects which ultimately benefitted current and future students across the state. He has dedicated his career to improving access to higher education and ensuring student success. Further, his credentials are impeccable, and align closely with the experience required to be effective member of WICHE.

I am confident that, given Dr. Hernandez's training and experience, and his commitment to higher education, he would be an asset to WICHE. I respectfully urge the committee to confirm his nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dr. Paul M. Chandler
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Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support Dr. Francisco Hernandez to serve on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. He would be a fantastic appointment based on his strong leadership both here at UH and in California. Aloha, Paul M. Chandler

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Walner
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Comments:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation of Francisco Hernandez to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Herman Stern
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Comments:

I support the nomination of Dr. Francisco Hernandez, University of Hawaii - Manoa Vice Chancellor for Students, to represent Hawaii on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

I support Dr. Francisco Hernandez, University of Hawaii - Manoa Vice Chancellor for Students, nomination to represent Hawaii on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

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Testifier position: Support
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Comments:

I support Mr. Hernandez!

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Submitted by: Jose Villa
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Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:

The Hawaii Hispanic News supports the confirmation of Dr. Francisco Hernandez, University of Hawaii - Manoa Vice Chancellor for Students, to serve on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

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Testifier position: Support
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Submitted by: Ruben Juarez
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Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:

As a faculty at UH Manoa, economics department, I have seen Francisco Hernandez do an excellent job at the front end of the students affairs at UH. I strongly support his nomination for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). As you know, WICHE has the goal of improving access to higher education and to ensure college student success. I see no person more qualified in the state than Francisco Hernandez.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:

We need this outstanding man to represent our students! He's one that will!

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Comments:

Wonderful choice!!

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 4/11/2012

Comments:

Dear Confirmation Committee: I wish to express my unequivocal support for Dr. Francisco Hernandez as a WICHE representative for the State of Hawai'i. His experiences with collaboration and linkages with other institutions to further enhance access to disadvantaged students, coupled with his extraordinary knowledge of technology for augmenting students' learning make him the ideal

candidate for this seat. His history in higher education is a testament to the passion he brings to increasing access, retention, and graduation rates for all students. Please call me at (808)690-4708 if I may be of any more assistance to this most deserving person. Respectfully, Jackie Graessle, MSW

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rocio Guillen
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Comments:

I believe that Dr. Hernandez would be a great person for this position.

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Comments:

I strongly support this nomination.

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