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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeanne Unemori Skog	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony Related to GM 735: For consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, EUGENE BAL III, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Ed:

I write in support of the continuation of Eugene Bal as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

From 1984 to 2017, I was employed in various leadership roles at the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on diversification of Maui County's economy with particular emphasis on developing technology-based industries. In 1999, I was elected President & CEO of MEDB.

Given the focus of MEDB's mission, our relationship with the Maui High Performance Computing Center was a particularly important one. This led to working very closely with Gene Bal who led MHPCC to look at mutually beneficial initiatives for our organizations. Under his leadership, MHPCC was proactive in supporting MEDB's business attraction and assistance activities as well as our STEM workforce and education programs including internships and job shadowing participation.

MEDB experienced additional benefit from Gene Bal when he agreed to serve on MEDB's board of directors. Gene was a conscientious director, always prepared for

committee and board meetings. We benefitted greatly from his technical and analytical background and his personal interest in education for our residents in his service on MEDB's education committee. The committee's responsibilities included planning for our high-profile annual STEM fundraiser and decision-making on grant applications for support of STEM programs in Maui County schools.

His participation in MEDB expanded significantly when he agreed to accept his election for Vice Chair and then Chair of the board of directors which included serving on the Executive Committee. One of the most challenging tasks during his tenure was the development and construction of MEDB's Ke Alahele Center, a 35,000 square foot building intended to serve mezzanine incubation needs in the Maui R & T Park. Throughout his terms, I as President & CEO greatly appreciated his experience, steady hand, and reasoned approach to meeting opportunities and solving challenges.

Gene Bal's expertise, experience, and leadership qualities have led the University of Hawaii through thorny challenges in the past few years, helped effect positive changes, and as importantly brought stability at the helm. It is more imperative than ever to continue to tap his value as the University tackles the years to come

I heartily endorse his reappointment to the UH Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

I strongly support the nomination of Eugene Bal III to serve on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Gene for over 10-years having served with him on the Hawaii Community Foundation, Maui Advisory Council and the Maui County Council Boy Scouts of America. Gene is an outstanding leader who exemplifies the qualities of what makes a great Board Member: Open mind, honest, big picture perspective, understands the delicate relationship between Board and Hired Executive, great community minded individual, takes on the role of fiduciary very seriously, obtains Board consensus on issues, calm personality, understands and adheres conflicts of interest policy, puts organization first.

Gene will make a great Board of Regent for our University of Hawaii.

Thank you,

Glenn Yamasaki