Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
First Special Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii  

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 35, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I

G.M. No. 35  DOUGLAS SHINSATO,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2018,  

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Douglas Shinsato to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Douglas Shinsato from nine individuals.

Mr. Shinsato received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration in Finance and International Business from the University of Southern California. He subsequently obtained his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Stanford Law School.

Mr. Shinsato, who is a resident of the Island of Hawaii, has a long career as a consultant and corporate executive. He is currently the Co-Founder of Anthill Ventures, which is a cross-border incubator and advisor to technology start-ups located in India, Southeast Asia, Europe, and the United States, that focuses on tele-education, telehealth, sustainable food production, and cyber security. With his partners in Singapore and India, he
concentrates on innovative digital technologies to improve lives through the use of smart phones. Furthermore, he currently serves on the Board of Directors of Creative Intelligence Associates, which is one of Japan's top branding strategy firms that advises clients on leveraging or transforming branding and messaging strategies to increase customer satisfaction, revenues, and profits.

Mr. Shinsato has a deep appreciation for academics. He previously served as an Adjunct Professor at Sophia University and Aoyama Gakuin (in partnership with the University of Hawaii) in Japan where he taught graduate courses in international business, strategic and marketing management, and international finance. Furthermore, he translated from Japanese into English the autobiography of Mitsuo Fuchida who was the leader of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Lastly, based on his research, he wrote 101 Lesser Known Facts About the Attack on Pearl Harbor, which is a short guide covering the political, economic, and military tensions that led to the United States' involvement in World War II.

According to his personal statement, Mr. Shinsato believes that education is a fundamental building block of a democratic society that is committed to economic growth and job creation. During the span of his career, he has witnessed the key role that education plays in transforming developing countries into developed nations. He desires to share and contribute his knowledge and insights gained from his years of experience in the international business sector to the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Shinsato's professional background, experience in teaching, and enthusiasm and commitment to academics will be strong assets to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education,

KAILALI KAHELE, Chair
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- The Committee is reconsidering its decision

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