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### **STATEMENTS OF SENATE PRESIDENT COLLEEN HANABUSA AND SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR NORMAN SAKAMOTO ON GOVERNOR'S VETO OF SENATE BILL 14**

HONOLULU – Governor Linda Lingle today vetoed Senate Bill 14, which established an advisory council for the board of regents of the University of Hawai'i in conformity with an amendment to Article X, section 6 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, ratified by voters on November 7, 2006. Senate President Colleen Hanabusa released the following statement in response to that veto:

"The governor continues to resist the people's call for change in the appointment of regents. The Senate rejected her proposal, which would have allowed her to name all of the members of the advisory council, because allowing her to name the members of a council that would then provide her with a list of nominees simply preserves the old process. The council established by Senate Bill 14 gives voice to a number of groups that have both a knowledge of and an interest what is best for our university system. The Senate will preserve the will of Hawai'i's voters and override this veto."

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Senator Norman Sakamoto, chair of the Senate Education Committee, added:

"The governor is again choosing to ignore the will of the people. Hawai'i's voters agreed that the selection of regents needs to be above the politics of this governor or any governor. I will join my colleagues in overriding this veto."

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