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BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON KULEANA
MEETING

MAY 2, 2024

Bronson Azama, Pearl Bachiller, and Jill Nunokawa provided oral comments on the university's kuleana imperative.

Written testimony may be viewed at the Board of Regents website as follows:

[Late Written Testimony Received](#)

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Presentation on the Kuleana Imperative by Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao (HPOKA)

Chair Paloma provided some background information on this agenda item stating it was intended to be a summary of the effort undertaken by HPOKA to address the 2023-2029 (Strategic Plan). She stressed this was a work in progress; noted the receipt of feedback on the imperative from various Native Hawaiian constituencies, including those within the 3 ÌNR D & R X Q F L O D Q Expected for ongoing work of input on this matter.

Chancellor Benham and Chancellor Hokoana, presented information on behalf of HPOKA regarding its work over the past year. They also provided historical context to the creation of HPOKA, as well as the establishment and framing of the Kuleana imperative; highlighted some of the foundational principles of HPOKA in addition to the group's current composition; briefly reviewed the imperative's goals and objectives; underscored the significance of the imperative to the recognition and acknowledgement of Hawai'i's indigenous population; emphasized the diverse input received on the imperative's language from kanaka across the ten campuses of the university system; and spoke about the next steps expected to be undertaken by HPOKA to address the imperative including ongoing consultation with campus Native Hawaiian Councils and community stakeholders and the development of action plans and metrics.

Chair Paloma shared her thoughts on the ongoing work of HPOKA, the 3 ÌNR D Council, the various Native Hawaiian constituencies throughout the university system, mentioned the concerted effort among a diverse array of entities and individuals to address this matter which she has witnessed over the course of the last year.

Regent Wilson inquired about the relationship between HPOKA and the various Benham stated that, in her opinion, there is a good relationship between HPOKA and the other university constituencies it has been engaging with, Council DV HYLGHQFHG E \ WKH FROODERUDWLRQ RQ WKH .XO despite there being room for improvement. She also pointed out the distinct missions this L V V X H Q R W L Q J W K H F D P S X V V S H F L I L F D G Y R F D F \ U R O H R HPOKA's promotion of broader, systemwide strategic initiatives.

