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The University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly Endorses Sylvia Luke for Lieutenant Governor

Honolulu, Hawaii - The University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly (UHPA) has announced their endorsement for Sylvia Luke for Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i in a press conference today. The union represents about 3,200 faculty at all 10 University of Hawai'i campuses statewide.

"With her 10 years of experience as chair of the House Finance Committee, Sylvia Luke knows how to get things done. That is the kind of leader we need for our state," said Christian Fern, UHPA's executive director.

"So often, there has been dissension between the governor and legislature, and this prevented important initiatives from moving forward. We believe this can end with Sylvia serving as the bridge between the Governor's office and the legislature. For once, we can expect there to be more collaboration and a more productive relationship," Fern continued.

"This endorsement is truly significant to me because of my history with the University of Hawai'i," said Sylvia Luke, candidate for lieutenant governor. "My first experience of public service occurred at UH Mānoa when, as a student, I was elected president of the Associated Students of University of Hawai'i."

"I look forward to working alongside UHPA to highlight the extraordinary work from Hawai'i's only public statewide higher education system. I could not be more proud to be a UH alumna and to have UHPA's endorsement," Sylvia added.

The UHPA has been the exclusive bargaining agent for all faculty members of the University System since November 1, 1974. UHPA is dedicated to the achievement of excellence at the University of Hawai'i in instruction, research, and service to the community through collective bargaining, legislative advocacy, civic education, and public engagement.

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