

March 7, 2008
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225

TESTIMONY TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: GM 341 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Education Commission of the States, Gubernatorial Nominee,
ANN R. BOTTICELLI,
for a term to expire 6-30-2012

My name is Robert Witt, executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS). Please accept this written testimony in support of gubernatorial nominee Ms. Ann Botticelli, for consideration and confirmation to the Education Commission of the States.

Ms. Botticelli is well qualified for this position. Through her good work with Waialae School, Ho'okakao'o Corporation, and Kamehameha Schools, Ann's leadership has focused on the development and implementation of innovative educational policies to improve student learning. The development of new strategies for recruiting and retaining teachers is a research interest she will bring to her work with ECS. Additionally, this appointment will enrich and add value to Ann's very important work with Hawaiian culture-based education.

My recommendation of Ms. Botticelli for this appointment is made with confidence that she will become a valuable and contributing member of the Education Commission of the States, while adding value to the education dialogue here in Hawaii with an enriched national perspective.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Before the Senate Committee on Education

DATE: March 7, 2008
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room - 225

Testimony in Support of Ann Botticelli's Nomination to the Education Commission of the States

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Melissa Pavlicek and I have known Ann Botticelli for nearly ten years.

I am the owner of a small consulting business and am an attorney who graduated from the University of Hawaii Wm. S. Richardson School of Law. I worked closely with Ms. Botticelli when she served as a public relations professional, providing professional services to a mutual client. For at least two years, we worked together on a weekly and often a daily basis. I have served with Ms. Botticelli on the volunteer board of directors of the Hawaii Justice Foundation and also work with her in her current capacity at Kamehameha Schools.

Ms. Botticelli is extremely committed to education and public service. I have personally observed her to be intelligent, diligent and dedicated. With respect to the Hawaii Justice Foundation board meetings, she came to meetings clearly prepared and engaged and, when necessary, willing to ask tough questions that were necessary for the organization's advancement. In her role at Kamehameha Schools, she is an advocate for the education of Hawaii's children. She brings a thoughtful perspective with an amazing energy that will certainly benefit the commission. Please favorably consider her nomination.

Senate Committee on Education
Hon. Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Hon. Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair



Friday, March 7, 2008
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 341

Testimony provided by:
Adrian K. Kamali'i, President & Chief Consultant
Pae 'Aina Communications, LLC

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the committee,

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide commentary in support of the gubernatorial nominee, Ms. Ann Botticelli.

Ms. Botticelli is aptly suited to continue her work on the Education Commission of the States. She has a great passion for Education and this is evidenced by her work with Wai'ala'e School. As a parent of former Wai'ala'e School students, Ms. Botticelli has personally experienced what it is like when the community melds with forward-thinking educational practices.

As the Vice President of Community Relations and Communications for Kamehameha Schools, Ms. Botticelli oversees a vast implementation where a convergence of education and community concerns are internalized to provide unique community programs that have lasting impressions.

I believe that with these experiences Ms. Botticelli will continue to provide great counsel on behalf of this State. I am positive she enjoys this commission and represents this State with poise, confidence and experience.

I ask for your strong consideration and confirmation of Ms. Botticelli to the Education Commission of the States.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian K. Kamali'i". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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GM341 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Education Commission of the States, gubernatorial nominee, ANN R. BOTTICELLI, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Senate Committee on Education

March 7, 2008

1:15pm

Room 225

Aloha Chairman Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Education. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **strongly supports** the Governors' nomination of Ann R. Botticelli to serve another term as Commissioner to the Education Commission of the States. Ms. Botticelli was initially appointed in July of 2004 to a four-year term, which will expire on June 30, 2008. If confirmed, she will serve until June 30, 2012.

The ECS was founded as a result of the creation of the Compact for Education, supported by all fifty (50) States, three (3) U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia and approved by the U.S. Congress in 1965. The mission of the Commission is to assist States in working together and sharing ideas and concepts to better all aspects of education.

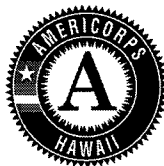
Ms. Botticelli, currently serving as Vice President for Community Relations and Communications for Kamehameha Schools serves as a conduit to interject the experiences of Kamehameha Schools into discussions with those involved in public education. She has over twenty-two (22) years in the journalism business holding positions at the Honolulu Advertiser, KHON and KITV. At Kamehameha Schools, she oversees the Community Relations & Communications group, which handles public relations, advertising, media, design and production and government and community relations for the organization on a statewide basis. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) which assures her continued access to the needs of the native Hawaiian community.

Her experience and current activities make her an ideal candidate for Commission to the Education Commission for the States and OHA **strongly supports** approval of her nomination.

Mahalo for allowing us to testify on her behalf.

Stacy S.K. Higa
Chairman

Dennis M. Dunn
Vice Chairman



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Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

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To: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Dennis Dunn, Vice Chair
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Date: March 7, 2008

Subject: GM 342 - Consideration and Confirmation of Ryan P. Perreira to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service

Mr. Chairman, my name is Dennis Dunn and I am the Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am here today to support the reappointment of Ryan Perreira to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

As a current member of the Hawaii Commission, Mr. Perreira has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. As a staff member at Windward Community College, Mr. Perreira's knowledge of the needs and problems of our young adults has helped the Commission develop its goals, objectives and priorities as to the type of services that are needed in our community. His desire to make a difference not only to the Commission, but to community service and service learning has also been a key contributing factor to the work of the Commission. During his recent term on the Commission, Mr. Perreira has become familiar with the federal rules and regulations of the program and is able to make qualified decisions in helping the Commission make a difference in our community, as well as develop high quality national service programs in our state.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Mr. Ryan Perreira to the Commission in order that he may continue to provide her insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.

Conchita D, Stewart
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March 5, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Conchita Stewart nomination to the Hawaii Commission for
National and Community Service


Dear Senator Sakamoto:

My name is Conchita Stewart. My friends call me Chita . The Honorable Governor Linda Lingle nominated me to serve as a commissioner to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I firmly believe that my personality, experience, education and background will be a large contribution to serving the commission very well. I thoroughly enjoy doing community service as I find it refreshing and gratifying. I support voluntary citizen involvement in government and private programs throughout the state of Hawaii.

I am, therefore, asking for your confirmation of my nomination as commissioner for the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Mahalo.

Sincerely,


Conchita D. Stewart

C: Senators Jill. N. Tokuda, Suzanne Chun Oakland, Mike Gabbard,
Clayton Hee, Clarence K. Nishihara, Brian T. Taniguchi, and Sam Slom

Stacy S.K. Higa
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To: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Dennis Dunn, Vice Chair
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Date: March 7, 2008

Subject: GM 343 - Consideration and Confirmation of Conchita D. Stewart to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service

Mr. Chairman, my name is Dennis Dunn and I am the Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am here today to support the reappointment of Conchita Stewart to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

As a current member of the Hawaii Commission, Ms. Stewart has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. As a community representative, Ms. Stewart's knowledge of community problems and needs has helped the Commission develop its goals, objectives and priorities as to the type of services that are needed in our community. Her commitment to not only the Commission, but to community service and service learning has also been a key contributing factor to the work of the Commission. During her recent term on the Commission, Ms. Stewart has become familiar with the federal rules and regulations of the program and is able to make qualified decisions in helping the Commission make a difference in our community, as well as develop high quality national service programs in our state.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Ms. Conchita Stewart to the Commission in order that she may continue to provide her insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument
6600 Kalanianaʻōle Highway, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

February 25, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto:

Governor Linda Lingle's Office has advised us that a hearing for T. `Aulani Wilhelm's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service is scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2008, at 1:15 p.m. (GM 344).

I regret to advise you that Ms. Wilhelm is presently away on annual leave and will return to work on Monday, March 10.

Please let me know if the date of her hearing can be postponed until her return. I can be reached at (808) 397-2660. I apologize for this inconvenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent A. Collins
Acting Superintendent

cc: Marc Miranda, Office of the Governor



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Vice Chairman



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To: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Dennis Dunn, Vice Chair
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Date: March 7, 2008

Subject: GM 344 - Consideration and Confirmation of T. 'Aulani Wilhelm to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Mr. Chairman, my name is Dennis Dunn and I am the Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am here today to support the reappointment of Aulani Wilhelm to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

As a current member of the Hawaii Commission, Ms. Wilhelm has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. As a former staff member to the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, Ms. Wilhelm's knowledge of national service has helped the Commission develop its goals, objectives and priorities as to the type of services that are needed in our community. Her commitment to not only the Commission, but to community service and service learning has also been a key contributing factor to the work of the Commission. Her knowledge of federal rules and regulations has been helpful in getting the Commission to make a difference in our community, as well as develop high quality national service programs in our state.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Ms. Aulani Wilhelm to the Commission in order that she may continue to provide her insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.

Stacy S.K. Higa
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To: Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Dennis Dunn, Vice Chair
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Date: March 7, 2008

Subject: GM 345 - Consideration and Confirmation of Marcie Wong to the Hawaii
Commission for National and Community Service

Mr. Chairman, my name is Dennis Dunn and I am the Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am here today to support the reappointment of Marcie Wong to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

As a current member of the Hawaii Commission, Ms. Wong has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. As a community representative, Ms. Wong's knowledge of community problems and needs has helped the Commission develop its goals, objectives and priorities as to the type of services that are needed in our community. Her desire to make a difference not only to the Commission, but to community service and service learning has also been a key contributing factor to the work of the Commission. During her recent term on the Commission, Ms. Wong has become familiar with the federal rules and regulations of the program and is able to make qualified decisions in helping the Commission make a difference in our community, as well as develop high quality national service programs in our state.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Ms. Marcie Wong to the Commission in order that she may continue to provide her insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.



**Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 7, 2008**

**By
Barbara P. Mathews, MS, APRN, CNAA
Executive Director
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing**

**GM 346: Consideration and Confirmation to the Center for Nursing
Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Agnes P. Cadiz, for a term to
expire 6-30-2012**

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of Agnes P. Cadiz to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Agnes has been a committed member of the Board since its inception in January, 2004, representing the Hawai'i Nurses' Association.

Agnes brings a valuable perspective from the labor environment as well as that of a nurse actively working in our community. She has been committed and involved as a member since her initial appointment, and current serves as Vice Chair of the Board. She was instrumental in the development and revision of the strategic plan and has played an active role in overseeing and guiding the accomplishments of the Center. She participates actively in Center initiatives such as the Nursing Shortage Taskforce and the 2007 Nursing Workforce Summit, and has made significant contributions to our work. It will be highly beneficial for the Advisory Board to continue to have her perspective on labor and the community, her experience on the Board and her knowledge of and commitment to the work being done to ameliorate the nursing shortage.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Agnes P. Cadiz for re-appointment to the Advisory Board.

To: Senator Norman Sakamoto
From: Kenneth Zeri, RN, MS President & CPO Hospice Hawai'i
Date: March 6, 2008

Re: **Confirmation of Aggie Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN to the Hawaii State
Center for Nursing Advisory Board**

It is with pleasure that I wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Aggie Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Ms. Pigao Cadiz is that rare personification of a true professional. Understanding the obligations of professionals, she works hard to balance the demands of the work environment with the efforts to promote the profession of nursing in our larger community. A career mostly focused on community health, she returns to the Board with the expertise needed to plan for our professional response to the aging community. With most nurses employed in settings outside of a hospital, Ms. Pigao Cadiz brings first hand knowledge of the challenges and future needs in our state.

Thank you for considering Ms. Pigao Cadiz for this position. I may be reached at 924-9255 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Zeri, RN, MS
President & CPO



Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN-Rx

500 Lunalilo Home Road # 27-E
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
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February 19, 2008

To: Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination for reappointment to the
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board of
Aggie Pigao-Cadiz, R.N.

Please accept my strong support for the re-nomination of Aggie Pigao-Cadiz to the Board for the Center for Nursing. Ms. Pigao-Cadiz has been a member of the Center's Board since its inception in 2004. She is an ideal board member for working with our colleagues from various arenas – community, academia – faculty and research, labor, and business to further the nursing profession and workforce. She has the background, professional network, strong intent, and the wherewithal to continue this work. The Center has done a lot in its first four years and I know Ms. Pigao-Cadiz will continue to be a champion for its purposes.

If I can offer any further information in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

March 3, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Senate Confirmation For Agnes Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN, to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

This letter serves to recommend Mrs. Agnes Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN, to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Mrs. Cadiz has served one four-year term, and is willing to serve a second term. Mrs. Pigao Cadiz has shown herself to be a valuable member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, serving as Board Chair.

I have known Mrs. Pigao Cadiz for about twenty years, working closely with her as members and officers of the Hawaii Nurses' Association. I have known her to be a dynamic nurse leader. Mrs. Pigao Cadiz served as the Hawaii Nurses' Association State President, setting the example for and leading more than 4,000 nurses in Hawaii. Even at that time, she made time from her busy full time job to speak to different nursing groups, encouraging nurses to step up to the plate to work with others to improve the health of our people.

Having served one term on the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Mrs. Pigao Cadiz, has demonstrated leadership skills in working with the committee while always looking at our nursing shortage and issues such as nurse recruitment and retention.

In closing, let me say that I am a great admirer of Mrs. Pigao Cadiz, of what she has accomplished in her professional life as well as a member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I have no doubt that if she is confirmed to a second term on the Center's Advisory Board, Hawaii's citizens will continue to benefit from her involvement.

If I can answer any questions you may have about Mrs. Pigao Cadiz, please do not hesitate to call me at 1-808-896-0073.

Sincerely,

Ana Silva, R.N.

Ana Silva, RN, CNA, BC
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Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96739

February 22, 2008



Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Aggie E. Pigao Cadiz

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Aggie E. Pigao Cadiz is not the sort of person that you will want on the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board if you don't want passion for the profession and unending and ethical work.

Ms. Pigao Cadiz is a heroine to nurses across the Hawaiian Islands, and has stood up for them and the profession, time and again. She has great moral strength, and is well known and revered in union circles in Hawaii, and she has the also has the ability to mediate and to bring people together.

I strongly recommend that she be reappointed to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,
John H. Radcliffe
Retired Executive Director, HSTA
Retired Associate Executive Director, UHPA

From: Joan Craft [mailto:jcraft@hinurse.org]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 3:04 PM
Subject: RE: statement center for nursing advisory board

Senator Sakamoto,

I have been informed by the Governors office, the hearing for my re appointment to the Center For Nursing Advisory Board is scheduled March 7, 2008. Our National Union, the United American Nurses AFL-CIO of which I am Vice President, is convening its annual convention March 7-9, 2008. I will be in Denver CO March 7-10, 2008 at that meeting.

I humble apologize for not being able to attend my confirmation hearing. Please convey my regrets to the other members of the committee.

I would be happy to meet with you or any of the committee members prior to March 7th.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Joan Craft RN
Vice President Hawaii Nurses Association
Vice President United American Nurses AFL-CIO

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testimony

From: Robin Tanner [robin888@clearwire.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 11:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: GM347 r/t Center for Nursing Advisory board.- Testimony on behalf of Ms. Joan Craft

To Education Committee:
Norman Sakamoto Chair
Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Dear Honorable Chair Persons, Norman Sakamoto and Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee:

My name is Robin Tanner, MSN, RN, CNN, and I wish to recommend the reappointment of Joan Craft, RN, Vice President of Hawaii Nurses Association and Vice President of the United American Nurses, to a labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Joan Craft, RN, is a voice for all nurses in Hawaii in her elected positions on the Hawaii and National Nurses union board. She has a clear vision of the current nursing crisis in Hawaii as well as within the American national healthcare system. She has been an asset for the Center for Nursing, ensuring that the direction of the Center remains focused on the Hawaii nursing shortage issues as well as helping to determine the solutions to those healthcare crisis issues.

She is active in her local and national unions while working full time at Queens Medical Center in the Neuro-Intensive Care unit. Her qualifications and dedication to the nursing profession are realized not only in her day-to-day career as a direct care staff nurse but also in her volunteer time to promote the profession of nursing locally and nationally.

Direct care staff nurses' need a voice that reflects their own needs and Ms. Craft is that person. The nursing shortage in Hawaii may be multi-factorial however; the solutions are limited. Ms. Craft's dedication to improving not only the working conditions for nurses in Hawaii in the light of a nursing shortage but also on improving the overall professionalism in nursing is tantamount to her success as a union officer and a voice for nurses in Hawaii.

I urge you to reappoint Ms. Craft to the labor seat of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of reappointment of Ms. Joan Craft, RN to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Robin Tanner, MSN, RN, CNN

From: Judy McGuire [mailto:judy.mcguire2@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 1:08 PM
Subject: Rose Ann Poyzer's appointment to Center for Nursing Board

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

I am delighted to support Rose Ann's reappointment to the Center for Nursing Board. I lived in Hawaii for most of the past 20 years, working at Kuakini Medical Center and most recently Castle Medical Center directing their home care programs. I also was the Administrator at Kokua Nurses at one time. I am a nurse and have known Rose Ann for 20 years. I have been living in Oregon since March, 2007.

Rose Ann is always a very committed member of any committee or organization and adds a viewpoint of one with years of history in Hawaii nursing. She is well known in the health care community and represents nursing very well. Rose Ann will tackle any job given her with zeal and dedication. Her integrity is above reproach.

I appreciate the opportunity to support this re-appointment. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Judith McGuire BSN, MHA

testimony

From: vicky poland [poland001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 3:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Education Committee. GM347 r/t Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Honorable Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Committee Members,

My name is Vicky Poland and I am a staff nurse working at the Kuakini Medical Center in the Coronary Care Unit. I am also on the Hawaii Nurses Assn. Board of Directors and the Center For Nursing Advisory Board.

I would like to urge you to appoint Joan Craft RN to the vacant labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board. She has been a valuable member of this Advisory Board for more than a year and I believe her bedside nursing experience is invaluable to this board in its endeavors to find solutions to the nursing shortage.

Thank you for allowing me to give testimony in support Joan Craft RN for the Center For Nursing Advisory Board seat.

Vicky Poland CCRN

February 29, 2008

Education Committee:

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senator Susan Chun Oakland
Senator Clayton Hee
Senator Fussell S. Kokubun
Senator Gordon Trimble

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I am writing on behalf of Joan Craft, RN and Vice-president of the Hawaii Nurse's Association (HNA) as well as Vice-president of the United American Nurses, AFL-CIO (UAN). RN Craft currently holds one of Labor's seats on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board and she is irrefutably qualified to represent Labor on the Board.

As Vice-president of HNA she is the Chair of the Collective Bargaining Committee. This Committee is charged with over-seeing all collective bargaining issues for HNA thus making it the driving force, the heart of HNA in representing nurses throughout the State of Hawaii. She is personally involved in all negotiations that take place, all grievances that proceed to arbitration, and all issues that affect working conditions of nurses in all types of facilities, from acute care hospitals, nursing homes, to dialysis centers.

As Vice-president of the UAN she has been nationally recognized for the advocate she has become on behalf of union staff nurses. She is directly involved in shaping the agenda for the largest RN union in the country and strengthening the voice of union nurses in Congress and their work place to bring improvements that will provide better patient care for all.

Through these positions she has experienced the correlation between working conditions and the nursing shortage. It is this empirical evidence which she brings to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board that enhances the Board's mandate: bring recommendations to the Legislature that addresses the nursing shortage thus safe guard citizens in that health care in Hawaii will not diminish in quality and accessibility.

On a personal note I have the unique distinction of working closely with Ms. Craft and have witnessed her passion for her patients and her facility. She has expressed profound concerns about the need to solve the nursing shortage for patient's health care sake, her love for nursing, and the relief and gratification she has experienced as a nurse. She has embarked on channeling this passion to improve working conditions as her contribution to stem the exodus of nurses from the profession.

I strongly recommend her re-appointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board since her dedication and life long commitment to nursing, patients and nurses augments the compositions of the Board and enhances it's ability to meet the directive given when it was created.

Sincerely,

Hector R. Ramos,
Interim Executive Director of HNA

testimony

From: marina robinson [robinsonm042@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 5:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: GM347 r/t Center for Nursing Advisory board-Testimony on behalf of Ms. Joan Craft

To Education Committee:
Normal Sakamoto, Chair
Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Susan Chun Oakland
Clayton Hee
Russell S. Kokubun
Gordon Trimble

Aloha, Chair Norman, Vice Chair Kokubun and Honorable Committee members.

My Name is Marina Robinson, RN and I wish to recommend the reappointment of Joan Craft, RN, Vice President of the Hawaii Nurses Association and Vice President of the United American Nurses, to a labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory board.

Ms. Joan Craft is one of our most dedicated and strong voice for nurses in Hawaii in her elected positions on the Hawaii and National Nurses union board.

She is one of our most dedicated and strong voice for nurses in Hawaii and through out the United States in her elected positions on the Hawaii and National Nurses union.

She is very active in her volunteer work in our local and national nurses union while working full time as a staff nurse at Queens Hospital in the Neuro Intensive Care Unit. Her dedication to improving not only the working conditions for nurses in Hawaii in light of the nursing shortage, but also improving the overall nursing profession is extremely important to her success as a union officer and voice for Hawaii nurses. Therefore, I urge you to reappoint her to the labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of Ms. Joan Craft to her reappointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory board.

GM 347

March 7, 2008

Education Committee:

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senator Susan Chun Oakland
Senator Clayton Hee
Senator Fussell S. Kokubun
Senator Gordon Trimble

Aloha! Senator Sakamoto and Honorable Committee members,

I am writing on behalf of Joan Craft, RN and Vice President of the Hawaii Nurse's Association (HNA) as well as Vice President of the United American Nurses, AFL-CIO (UAN). Joan Craft currently holds one of the Labor seats on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Over these past four years, Ms Craft has served on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board. In keeping with continuity of service, and with the added value of her knowledge and experience as Vice President of a national nurses' organization, the UAN, I strongly recommend her re-appointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration in Joan Craft's reappointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

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**2008 Hawaii State Senate
Education Committee (EDU)**

March 7, 2008

Rose Ann Poyzer

Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

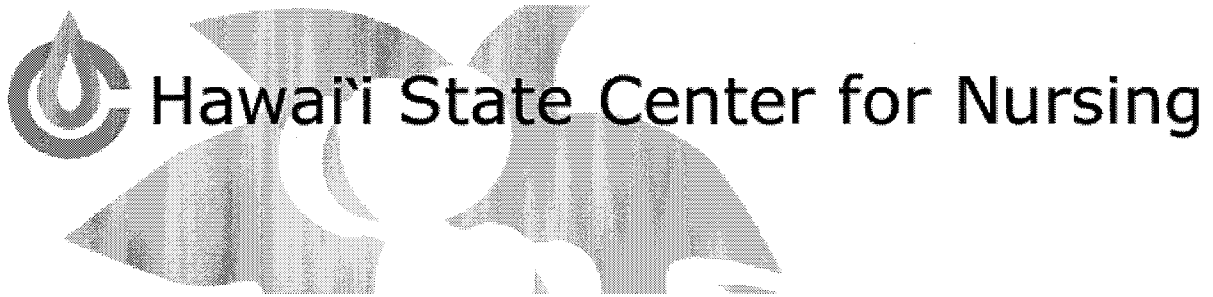
Chair Sakamoto, members of the Senate Committee on Education, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself for your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

I have previously submitted my educational background and experiences as a nurse that I feel qualify me to continue to be a member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

I am sincerely interested in continuing to serve on this Nursing Advisory Board and will continue to work diligently to assure that the State of Hawaii has the nursing resources necessary to meet the health care needs of its people by addressing nursing workforce issues.

I welcome the challenges that have yet to be met. I look forward to being able to continue to work with the other talented members of the Nursing Advisory Board and the most qualified staff of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. The combined expertise of the Advisory Board and the staff will help make it possible to accomplish the Goals of the Center.

Thank you so much for your support and consideration of my nomination to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.



**Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 7, 2008**

**By
Barbara P. Mathews, MS, APRN, CNAA
Executive Director
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing**

**GM 348: Consideration and Confirmation to the Center for Nursing
Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Rose Ann Poyzer, for a term to
expire 6-30-2012**

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of Rose Ann Poyzer to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Rose Ann has been a committed member of the Board since its inception in January, 2004, representing the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i.

Rose Ann brings decades of experience to the Board. She has been a valued member of the nursing community in Hawai'i for decades, and is considered to be the founder of home care in our state. She brings a valuable perspective from the overall healthcare environment as well as that of a nurse who continues to be actively involved in our community. She has been committed and involved as a member since her initial appointment.

She has participated in the development and revision of the strategic plan and has played an active role in overseeing and guiding the accomplishments of the Center. She participates actively in Center initiatives such as the Nursing Shortage Taskforce and the 2007 Nursing Workforce Summit, and has made significant contributions to our work. It will be highly beneficial for the Advisory Board to continue to have her perspective and experience as well as the respect that she brings from the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Rose Ann Poyzer for re-appointment to the Advisory Board.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair

Conference Room 225
March 7, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

Testimony in support of GM 348.

I am Rich Meiers, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, which represents the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. I regret that I shall not be able to testify in person due to a mainland trip. However, I appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of GM 348, which nominates Rose Ann Poyzer to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

I have had the honor of working directly with Ms. Poyzer on a daily basis over several years while she was employed at the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. I have also worked with her on various issues before and after that. In all of my experiences, Ms. Poyzer has demonstrated the highest professional standards, a thorough knowledge of the complex health care environment, a capacity to see different sides of an issue, and an ability to work with other people with different interests. She is a nurse who is dedicated to patient care and who recognizes that public policy shapes the way that patient care is delivered.

Ms. Poyzer has a wide variety of experiences in health care, and I am sure that her experiences, her knowledge, and her ability to work with others will make her a valued asset to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 348.



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March 5, 2008

To: Senate Committee on Education

Re: GM 349 Nomination of Roy T. Ogawa to the Western Interstate
Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
March 7, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 225

Dear Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair; Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee:

My name is Denny Sadowski, owner of CO-HA Builders, Inc., a general contracting firm doing business in the state of Hawaii for over thirty years. It has been my pleasure to know and work with Mr. Ogawa for many years while I served as a member and past chair of the Building Industry Association's Government Relations Committee. During this period, Mr. Ogawa gave selfishly of his time and expertise to our committee as both a member and also as a past chair. His legal expertise and experience were both invaluable and educational for our committee and its issues.

Roy has a tremendous passion for education and its availability for all prospective students. The positions Roy has held as a commissioner of WICHE namely past Audit Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Chair Elect and current Chair of WICHE speak highly to his dedication and total commitment for both WICHE and higher education. As a citizen and resident of the state of Hawaii, I feel very fortunate to have Roy as a commissioner for WICHE. I know that through his diligent guidance, WICHE and our future students in higher education will certainly benefit. His past and current leadership in his service as a WICHE commissioner is of great value to the state of Hawaii and he should be allowed to continue in this position for this coming new term.

Please confirm the nomination of Mr. Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Ogawa's confirmation.

Kind Regards,

Denny Sadowski

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March 7, 2008

Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair and Members
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: GM No. 349 Confirmation of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Education:

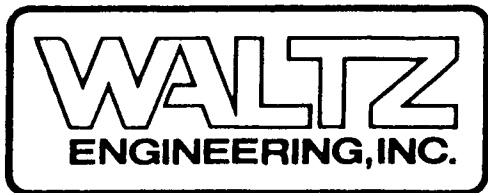
My name is Dean Uchida, Vice President, D.R. Horton-Schuler Division. I have worked with Mr. Ogawa in his capacity as the Chair of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), Government Relations Committee. I also have two children in high school and have become aware of the opportunities available to Hawaii residents through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) programs.

WICHE was created to administer the Western Regional Education Compact that is designed to pool educational resources, to plan jointly for the preparation of a specialized skilled labor force, and to avoid, where feasible, the duplication of expensive facilities and programs. Mr. Ogawa has a strong belief in the importance of education and is deeply committed to providing high quality educational opportunities for our citizens.

I have observed Mr. Ogawa's leadership skills in bringing an objective, analytical, and calm demeanor to some very complex and highly emotional issues. His selection as the Chair of WICHE for 2008 attests to his peers' recognition of the extra effort he is willing to make as a Commissioner. He is also very passionate about providing educational opportunities to Hawaii's youth through the WICHE program.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Roy Ogawa as a Commissioner to WICHE.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you.



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February 28, 2008

Senate Education Committee
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attention: Committee Clerk
Fax No. 586-8588

Re: GM 349; Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
Gubernatorial Nominee, ROY T. OGAWA
Hearing Date: Friday, March 7, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

I urge you to confirm the reappointment of Mr. Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. He is a man of intelligence, integrity and strong convictions.

I am a product of the Hawaii public school system and obtained my Bachelor of Education degree from University of Hawaii (Go Bows!). My husband and I own this small business and we have a 19 year old son attending the University of Hawaii system here on Oahu, so we do understand the need to nurture and grow the minds of our young people.

Mr. Ogawa has been our legal counsel for a number of years, during which we have come to rely on his advice knowing that he had done comprehensive research to reach the conclusions that he had before crafting his answers to us. We discovered early on that his recommendations were not only applicable to the situation on-hand, but were also great guidance for our regular business practices.

Hawaii is extremely fortunate to have a person of Mr. Ogawa's caliber as a WICHE Commissioner. He has the vision and determination to direct the focus of their programs to reach the intended goals. Mr. Ogawa is a "whip" smart person with a passion about the topic of higher education for our young people and an excellent representative of Hawaii to continue to serve on the WICHE Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorinda Lin Sung Waltz".

Lorinda Lin Sung Waltz
President

BIA-HAWAII

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

March 7, 2008

Senate Committee on Education

1:15 P.M.

Room 225

RE: GM 349 Consideration and Confirmation of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am Warren Ho, Past President and a member of the Government Relations Committee of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

I offer my strong support of the confirmation of Roy T. Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). WICHE was created to administer the Western Regional Education Compact that is designed to pool educational resources, to plan jointly for the preparation of a specialized skilled labor force, and to avoid, where feasible, the duplication of expensive facilities and programs. Mr. Ogawa has a strong belief in the importance of education and is deeply committed to providing high quality educational opportunities for our citizens.

Roy Ogawa has already demonstrated his dedication to the purposes of WICHE during his first term as a commissioner. His selection as the Chair of WICHE for 2008 attests to his peers' recognition of his leadership abilities. When confirmed, he will continue his passionate pursuit of educational opportunities for Hawaii's students. He has shared his experiences on WICHE with our members and has educated us on the purposes of WICHE.

Mr. Ogawa served as the Chair of BIA-Hawaii's Government Relations Committee in 2007 and provided his legal expertise and knowledge of the construction industry on issues of importance to BIA-Hawaii. He continues his service to BIA-Hawaii as a member of our Board of Directors. His leadership style of collaboration with all the relevant parties to an issue proved valuable in the final outcome.

I ask for your confirmation of Roy Ogawa to WICHE. Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you.



Warren Ho
Lani Properties



Hearing: EDU on March 7, 2008
1:15 p.m., Room 225

March 7, 2008

The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

via Fax: 586-6659
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Re: Reappointment of Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

Dear Chairperson Sakamoto
And Members of the Committee:

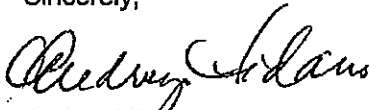
I am writing this letter in **STRONG support** of the reappointment of Mr. Roy Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), Governor's Message 349.

I have known Mr. Ogawa through his work as a member of the BIA of Hawaii for quite a while and see his passion in the subject of education. I also know him as a very smart and "level headed" attorney.

I know Mr. Ogawa has a strong commitment to community issues and he has an understanding of the governmental process and public policy making. I am confident that Mr. Ogawa will do well as a member of the WICHE Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Audrey Hidano

February 28, 2008

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415 South Beretania Street
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Attention: Committee Clerk
Fax No. 586-8588

Re: GM 349; Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
Gubernatorial Nominee, ROY T. OGAWA
Hearing Date: Friday, March 7, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

It is with pleasure that I write to you to support the re-appointment of Roy T. Ogawa Esq. as a Commissioner of WICHE. Higher education is very important to our citizens; therefore, it is equally important that the Senate give its advice and consent to the appointment of responsible and qualified commissioners who will approach their fiduciary responsibilities in a professional, ethical and prudent manner. Without a doubt, Mr. Ogawa is such a citizen who I know will work towards that goal.

I have known Roy for many years. Professionally he is a dedicated attorney who is respected in the community not only for his legal knowledge and abilities, but more importantly for his respect and courtesy to others and for his integrity. With all of his good qualities Roy remains down to earth in his dealings with colleagues and friends alike. It is this integrity and character that makes Roy well qualified to be re-oy Ogawa appointed as a commissioner. The Higher Education Committee should welcome the re- appointment of such a well-qualified person to represent the State of Hawaii.

I highly recommend Mr. Ogawa without reservation. I am confident that a fair review by the Senate Education Committee of Mr. Ogawa's qualifications will allow his fine qualities to shine through. Please support Mr. Ogawa's re-appointment to WICHE. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Robert H. Gerell

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Attention: Committee Clerk

Re: GM 349; Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

Gubernatorial Nominee, ROY T. OGAWA

Hearing Date: Friday, March 7, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

I enthusiastically recommend Roy T. Ogawa for another term as a state commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). I have worked with Roy on the commission for the past year. During this time, I have come to know him as a highly-respected and beloved member of WICHE. Having the experience of serving as a WICHE commissioner for four years, including serving on the Issue Analysis and Research Committee and the Audit Committee, Roy has gained sufficient confidence of the commissioners to become the current Chair of WICHE.

Roy's leadership in WICHE has been manifested in his diligence and interest in providing quality educational opportunities for the community of fifteen Western states. Specifically, for Hawai'i, he has supported the return of college students under the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program to work in Hawai'i after they graduate. In addition, under Roy's leadership last year, WICHE unanimously approved a motion to make Hawai'i residents eligible to enroll in community colleges in the Western region participating in the WICHE's Western Undergraduate Exchange Program at a reduced tuition.

There are many other WICHE educational, research, and economic development programs that have the potential to improve student access and success in postsecondary education and workforce development. Roy has the WICHE experience and commitment to connect the State of Hawai'i with the benefits that WICHE can provide.

Please reappoint Roy T. Ogawa as a state commissioner for WICHE.

Thank you for your support of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Helene Sokugawa

testimony

From: Mary Flood - HI [MKFlood@drhorton.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 4:15 PM

To: testimony

Subject: GM 349 Consideration and and Confirmation of Roy Ogawa TO WICHE for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Hearing ,March 7,2008,Senate Committee on Education,1:15PM Room 225

Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am Mary K Flood ,Vice President of Sales and Marketing for DR Horton –Schuler homes ,LLC a real estate development company here in Hawaii and current President of BIA,the Building Industry Association of Hawaii .I would like to join Karen Nakamura the CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii in strongly supporting the confirmation of Roy T. Ogawa to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Roy Ogawa has over the past several years shown his interest in promoting the goals of WICHE as a commissioner. The fact that he has been selected to be Chair of WICHE for 2008 further suggests that those who have served with him recognize his dedication and leadership abilities. These are qualities that Mr. Ogawa carries with him always as part and parcel of his character.

I have served with Mr .Ogawa on the Board of Directors of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii .He is reliable, enthusiastic, analytical and vocal in the pursuit of the issues presented .He is often the one Board member whose sharp insight and intelligent observations can bring the Board to consensus on a difficult subject. He has demonstrated his knowledge and integrity often to assist us all in achieving a final decision.

As President of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii and as a colleague in the business community in Honolulu ,I offer my sincere and utmost support for Roy Ogawa and request that he be confirmed to WICHE.

Thank you for reviewing my testimony.