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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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### 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



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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 341

Testimony provided by:  
Adrian K. Kamali'i, President & Chief Consultant  
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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'ālae School. As a parent of former Wai'ālae 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 internalize 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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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.