

GM526

Terry Holck

Confirmation to the
Hawaii Teacher Standards Board
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GOV. MSG. NO. **526**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

January 5, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board**:

<u>HAWAI'I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Terry Holck	6/30/2014	Teacher/Elementary/O'ahu

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Dear Senator Tokuda and the members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Re: G.M. 526

In 2008, I decided to apply to serve on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board because I was concerned about the lack of response fellow teachers and I experienced when trying to reach the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board office. I am one who doesn't believe in just being a problem-presenter, but also a problem-solver. Therefore, when provided with the opportunity to become a Board member, I welcomed it. Since then, the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board has been working diligently to improve customer service. Now, teachers receive a response within two days.

I believe I am qualified to continue serving on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board for three reasons: my experience in the classroom, previous leadership experiences, and my dedication to the children of Hawai'i. I have been a classroom teacher in both the Department of Education and the charter school system for the past 20 years. I have also been a teacher representative on the Voyager Local School Board and the Ewa Task Force, which focused on issues dealing with Ewa Elementary School and the community. In addition, I have served in various leadership positions with the Hawai'i State Teachers Association. I am an involved educator both in and out of the classroom, and I believe every student deserves a qualified teacher who is able to help them reach their fullest potential.

In terms of teacher quality and student achievement, I perceive the role and responsibility of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board to be that of a gatekeeper. If students are to do well, they need an effective teacher. To help ensure that, the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board sets the standards for licensure and teacher preparation programs; issues, renews, denies, and takes disciplinary actions on teaching licenses; provides state approval for teacher education programs; and helps arrange professional development related to the standards set by the Board.

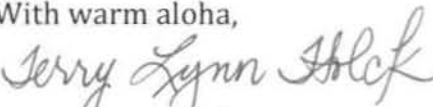
A short-term goal I have as a Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board member is to have teachers whom are delinquent on license fees or have let their license lapse rectify the problem. The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board has been working with the Department of Education to address these issues. I have also asked that the Board discuss next steps as soon as possible.

A long-term goal I have is to streamline processes, data, and information between teacher preparation programs, the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, and the employers to make it an easier system for teachers to navigate through. In order to accomplish this, the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board has been talking with people from the Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i.

If I continue my service on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest.

Mahalo for your time and consideration!

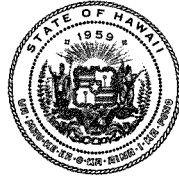
With warm aloha,



Terry Lynn Holck

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Testimony



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Re: GM 526 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TERRY HOLCK, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014

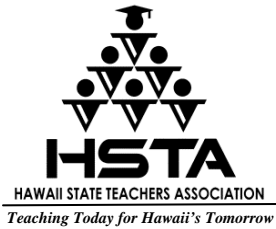
Hearing Date: February 22, 2012, 1:15 PM

Testifying: Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director, Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board

Chairperson Tokuda, Vice Chairperson Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

The Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board strongly supports the consideration of TERRY HOLCK for a new term on the board. Ms. Holck joined the HTSB on July 1, 2008 and was reconfirmed for a second term on July 1, 2011. She assumed the role of board Chairperson in January 2011 when the former Chair resigned to accept a job with Maui County, and has been an effective, dynamic leader. During Ms. Holck's tenure on the board, the online licensing system has been deployed and multiple policies and procedures have been implemented which streamlined the licensing and renewal processes while maintaining rigor. Her leadership will ensure continuity and progressive policy making. The HTSB thanks you for your consideration and asks you to confirm Ms. Holck for a new term on the board through June 30, 2014.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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EDUCATION

RE: GM 526 -- TERRY L. HOLCK, HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD,
TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is strongly supporting GM 526 which submits for consideration the appointment of Terry L. Holck to the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board (HTSB) for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

Terry has over twenty years of teaching experience in both Department of Education and Charter Schools. She has been an advocate for students and teachers and has made a commitment to support and educate teachers about HTSB and the teacher licensing process. She has the respect of HSTA staff and teachers in the field. Terry takes pride in being the best at what she does and is conscientious about investing the time it takes to be knowledgeable about what she represents.

Terry is currently an assigned teacher in the Race to the Top zone schools. With her perspective and experience she has the ability to provide a depth and range of knowledge in a teacher voice from many realms.

Terry has always been committed to ensuring there is a quality teacher in every classroom and that they understand the expectations and requirements to achieve this goal.

She is currently the Chair of the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board and with her appointment she will be able to continue what she has started. She is a model of a highly effective teacher and a true reflection of a teacher leader. We urge you to approve her recommendation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and show our support for Terry L. Holck.

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Aloha Legislature members,

Terry Holck has been a great mentor and member of the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board. Currently, she is the chairperson for the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board. She is diligent, making sure to fulfill all chairperson and board member requirements, while maintaining friendly relationships with all board members and guests. I have learned a lot from her over the past two years and look forward to the opportunity to learn even more. The role of chairperson is crucial to the continued success of the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board. I look forward to seeing Terry's continued presence and leadership for another three years.

Mahalo for your time,

Jonathan Kissida

Vice-Chairperson, Hawaii Teachers Standards Board

Senate Education Committee
Hearing February 22, 2012

Re: GM 526 Confirmation of Terry Holck to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Arlene Lee and I am testifying as a Board member of the HTSB. I am the Board of Education's Chair designee to the teacher standards board.

It is my pleasure to submit testimony in support of Terry Holck to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I have known Terry Holck for over 25 years. Over that time, I saw her as teacher leader, a pioneer and a leader of the HTSB.

As a teacher leader of HSTA-Leeward, she heard the needs of the Leeward teachers and advocated for them. She was there at the beginning of the new teachers class . This class highly successful class was a partnership of HSTA-Leeward, the University of Hawaii, and the Leeward District to help brand new teachers acclimate to teaching in Hawaii. Leeward District had the most new teachers, many of them from other states. In addition to teaching a full load and her participation in HSTA, Terry also taught computer skills to adults. The ability to listen to teachers and translate what she heard into action is imperative to an efficient operation of HTSB.

Ms Holck was among the first group of DOE tenured teachers who opted to risk a move to a newly established charter school. She went to Voyager because it was a new challenge and an opportunity to help build a new school and an innovative program. She went there knowing that the program and curriculum would be different and that she would have to learn new methods. She went there knowing the challenges of charter schools and knowing that she would have to be working longer hours. Terry also chose to become a certified trainer in the Feuerstein method. Becoming a certified trainer meant that she would have to spend a summer at their training institute. This attests to her leadership in the school and her willingness to see changes in her practice. Her willingness to accept challenges is a valuable attribute for the standards board as the demands of the teaching profession is changing and the changes will be reflected in the standards set by HTSB.

For the past two years, Terry demonstrated her leadership on the board of the HTSB as board chair. From meetings to hearings on suspension of licenses, she ensures that the process is smooth and efficient and that all viewpoints are heard and finally, consensus is reached. This leadership skill contributes to a smooth running board considering that the individuals serving on the board are vocal, come from diverse background, and are not shy to express their opinions.

As an effective teacher herself, Terry knows the skills, knowledge and disposition it takes to be a teacher. This quality is invaluable to the work of the standards board because setting standards for the teaching profession is what HTSB is about.

There is still work to be done on the HTSB and Terry Holck has more to contribute to the HTSB so I respectfully urge your favorable vote towards her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify

February 15, 2012

Letter of Testimony for Terry Holck, confirmation hearing for Hawaii Teacher Standards Board on Wednesday, February 22 at 1:15 pm in Conference room 225.

Senator Jill Tokuda,

This letter of testimony is being written for Terry Holck, Chairperson of Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. After much struggles in the past, the HTSB is now on solid ground. Terry has chaired the HTSB and has kept the actions of the board focused and on target in meeting the goals and objectives of the board. Many legislative concerns have and are being addressed. As a result of her leadership, much of her actions are leading the efforts of the board to fruition.

As a member of the board, I highly recommend that she be re-confirmed for another term as she would be able to continue a most positive momentum in which the board is moving.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth Silberstein
Principal

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January 23, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 218
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Dear Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Education Committee:

It is my pleasure to write to you extending my support of the confirmation of Ms. Terry Lynn Holck to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

I have known Terry since 2008 when she first joined the board. It has been my experience that she was always mindful of her responsibilities and took the time necessary for each meeting. She approached her role with clarity of her duties, balanced with a strong sense of what teachers need to perform optimally as they serve Hawaii's keiki in our public schools.

In 2010, Terry took another step in her professional growth, assuming the role of vice-chair of the board. Shortly thereafter, circumstances arose wherein she was asked to serve as chair. She willingly agreed to the additional responsibility. I believe she has served well in this office.

As the board continues its essential work, I believe that it is vital to provide seamless leadership for the board through a person who possesses both familiarity with the daily duties of a classroom teacher in providing quality instruction and a strong sense of how the public school system must provide support for teachers and learners to support their highest achievements. Terry can do that job with care, humility, and professionalism.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I wish you and your committee colleagues a very productive year as you deliberate on bills concerning our public schools and their students and teachers.

Aloha pumehana,

Jonathan Gillentine, PhD, NBCT

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Committee on Education
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
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415 South Beretania Street
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February 20, 2012

RE: GM526 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRY HOLCK, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Dear Members of the Committee on Education:

I am writing in support of TERRY HOLCK's nomination and appointment to the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board as a Gubernatorial Nominee.

I met Terry professionally when we both were selected to be on staff to open a new charter school, Voyager Public Charter School, in 2001. I have had the privilege of working with her in various capacities since then. Terry is one who is committed to her students, her fellow colleagues, and the field of education as a whole. She has always taken the initiative to devote time and energy to improving the teaching profession – this is her livelihood and her passion. She holds herself to high standards, and expects others to perform with similar commitment, knowing that this is too important a profession to accept anything less.

Terry has served selflessly on the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board for a number of years, the last two as Chairperson. Confirming her appointment to the Hawai`i Teacher Standards Board would ensure seamless continuation of the important work already in progress.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,
Deanne Yoshioka
Teacher
Voyager Public Charter School

February 13, 2012

Dear Senator Tokuda,

My name is Bonny Chikamori, and I have been teaching in the State of Hawaii for over 15 years. Currently, I am a teacher at Voyager Public Charter School, where I worked with Mrs. Terry Holck for ten years. It is my honor to write this letter requesting your consideration of Terry Holck to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Terry has proven her commitment to the teaching profession. She dedicates countless hours to strengthening her knowledge of content and to refining her ability to craft lessons that address her diverse learners and their needs. Her effectiveness, sincere compassion, and ability to encourage others to strive for high levels of performance, earned her the respect of her students, their families, and our entire faculty. Nevertheless, Terry utilized her role as a lead teacher to challenge all members of our learning community to strive for excellence and to work collaboratively to provide every child with a quality education.

Clearly, her ability to guide and affect growth would make her a valuable asset to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. She will definitely make a positive impact on our educational system, as she has with those fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with her. As a teacher, parent of a child at a public school, and community member, I would highly recommend Terry Holck for a position on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Sincerely,

Bonny Chikamori

Teacher

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/17/2012

Comments:

I presently serve on the HSTB with Terry. She is a credit to the profession, conducts the meetings with the highest regard. I support Terry Holk without reservation.