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Hawaii State Senate
Senate Committee on Human Services
Testimony by
Early Learning Council Chair
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Conference Room 016, State Capitol

GM 783 Early Learning Council Gubernatorial Nominee LORA PERRY

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Vice Chair Ihara, Jr., and Committee Members:

As Chair of the Early Learning Council, I wish to recommend that the Committee confirm Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Lora Perry as a member of the Early Learning Council.

Ms. Perry has done extensive work with children and their families in Hawaii for 30 years. I first became acquainted with Lora during the Act 259 Task Force work and have since worked with her as a member of the current Early Learning Council. Lora has contributed her knowledge about the needs of Hawaii's children and their families to the Council's work through her participation on sub-committees and been supportive of early learning needs in the public forum. She is the incoming co-chair of the Council's Quality subcommittee which is monitoring the progress of the state's QiRS pilot program implementation and will address the issue of program standards. She is a strong advocate for early learning and brings a sensitivity to the needs of our Hawaii families to the Council's deliberations.

Her background and familiarity with the needs of Hawaii's children and the choices families should have in the programs they send their keiki to make Lora an essential contributor to our Council's work.

Sincerely,

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Early Learning Council