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NANCY BUDD

**Nomination to the Board of
Education**

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March 31, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee On Education
State Capitol
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Re: Nomination to the Hawai'i State Board of Education

Aloha Senator Tokuda and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your thoughtful letter of March 19th.

Having served an inaugural term on the BOE, what made you decide to re-apply?

Despite the considerable number of hours we have devoted to the task since last April, one year is scarcely enough time to orient ourselves, much less develop and move ahead with coherent, large-scale, and strategic policy-making. Although we can look back on our inaugural year and appreciate many significant accomplishments, we have so much more to look forward to. We are moving into an exciting period on the Board and I very much look forward to having an opportunity to continue the work we have begun.

What do you feel has been your most significant contribution to the Board in the past year?

As I had hoped when first appointed, our Board brings a broad array of expertise and experience to the table that is unique yet complementary. I believe that my experience “on the ground” and in the classroom has brought a perspective to the Board that has resulted in some deeper conversations related to significant policy decisions. I have also initiated an audit of existing Board of Education policies, which I believe is crucial to our success as we move forward. I am currently working with Board Member DeLima on this audit.

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What priorities do you feel are critical that the Board take up during the course of the year next term? What role do you see yourself playing in addressing these issues?

Ensure a broad-based curriculum: Along with 45 other states, we have adopted the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts. I believe it is critical as we move toward implementation and adoption of assessments to measure these curricular aims that we do not lose sight of the importance of offering our students a high-caliber, broad curriculum including arts, sciences and humanities.

Define “proficiency”: We are moving to a “proficiency” based model of education. It is critical that we understand and can define what this means as we move forward. It is also important that we know what the consequences of non-proficiency are for the student as well as the system.

Alignment: BOE: Review and amend policies to align with strategic objectives. DOE: Ensure from pre-school to post-high school that readiness is evaluated, curriculum is aligned, and internal and external supports are in place for life-long learning.

Leader and teacher recruitment, training, mentoring, professional development, and support: As the standards and the expectations of leadership and teaching change, we must be sure that resources are in place to provide for a bright, strong, supported community of leaders and teachers, who can and will collaborate among colleagues in an atmosphere of pedagogical and intellectual growth and excitement.

Re-vamp accounting and IT processes: Develop transparent and robust financial reporting of both operating and capital expenditures throughout the system. Develop comprehensive technology strategy.

Clarify policies related to school closure, facility management and development.

Improve communication.

I am a member of the Student Achievement Committee. I have volunteered with another Board member to work on the first two priorities as a part of my current SAC committee assignments. My work on the policy audit is specifically addressing policy alignment. Issues related to communication will also be addressed in the policy audit. As a member of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, we are currently reviewing policies related to school closure, facility management and development. I expect that the consequences to students, the challenges and the opportunities will be subject to a heightened focus in the next year both in the FIC committee and as a Board. With respect to alignment of

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support and teacher and leader matters, to the extent that the issues are not subject to collective bargaining, I hope to be an active part of the information gathering and the decision-making. While I believe improving our financial reporting and business processes as well as our IT strategy is critical, we have other board members who are extraordinarily capable working on these matters, to my great relief and with my wholehearted support!

How do you feel as an individual member, and the Board as a whole, can improve stakeholder and community engagement in the formation of education policy?

The work that we do must be informed and supported by the the entire community, as without this wisdom and alliance we act in a vacuum and without a foundation of trust. The Board as a whole is limited by its resources from traveling throughout the State, so must be creative in designing opportunities to connect. This is especially important for our neighbor island communities.

During the past year, together with William Arakaki, our Complex Area Superintendent on Kaua`i, we have sponsored three community Board of Education meetings—one in each complex area on Kaua`i. We will be sponsoring yet another this spring. At each meeting, we were able to bring at least two other Board members to meet with the community to talk story.

Also, during this period, Kaua`i Planning and Action Alliance has facilitated a collective impact initiative of which I am a member. Representatives of many stakeholder and community groups (pre-school through community college, government, DOE, youth organizations, community foundations, etc.) have gathered over many months to evaluate strategic ways to collaboratively affect and effect educational policy and integrate support.

I have begun what I hope will become a regular opportunity to meet with teachers. Teacher representatives from across the island and from Honolulu recently gathered for a two hour talk story session that allowed for a much needed conversation and two more are scheduled in the next few weeks.

As a board member, I read all testimony that is provided and appreciate thoughtful and well-researched contributions. As we are limited in our ability to share information

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among board members and to have board-level conversations about educational policy, these contributions become even more important as we do our work.

Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Education? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest. Should one arise, I would likely recuse myself from decision-making involving the matter or otherwise follow the guidelines established by the Hawai`i State Ethics Commission.

Thank you again for your service to the children of Hawai`i and for your interest in my appointment.

Sincerely,

NANCY J. Y. BUDD

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TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY OF
NANCY BUDD

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Friday, April 13, 2011
1:15 p.m.

RELATING TO GM 818 Submitting for consideration and confirmation the
Gubernatorial Nominee, NANCY BUDD, for a term to expire June 30, 2015
to the
STATE OF HAWAII BOARD OF EDUCATION

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the committee. I am honored to appear before you today as one of Governor Abercrombie's nominees for reappointment to the Board of Education. I would like to thank the Governor for his confidence in me and thank all of you for your commitment to the education of Hawai'i's youth. There is nothing more important to the well-being of our communities, our state and our world than robust public education.

One year ago, I accepted an appointment to the Board of Education. During this past year, the commitment of each of the board members to the success of the students of Hawai'i has been demonstrated time and time again. I believe that each board member brings complementary strengths and uniquely diverse insights to the table. I look forward to continuing the work that we have begun.

I believe that my experience in the classroom has brought a perspective to the Board that has resulted in some deeper conversations related to significant policy decisions. I have also initiated an audit of existing Board of Education policies, which I believe is crucial to our success as we move forward. I am currently working with Board Member DeLima on this audit. This is a project that is a great fit for us as long-time practicing attorneys.

While we are faced with unprecedented budget challenges, we are moving to make significant policy shifts that are certain to impact the content and delivery of curricula. That being said, I do hope that together we will find the means to keep our buses running, our facilities safe and state-of-the-art, and most importantly, sustain a full cohort of teachers across a broad range of disciplines, including the arts, music, humanities, physical education, and more, that have become integral to providing an inspiring and culturally sensitive education to Hawaii's students. And it is critical that we build the capacity to recruit, train, support and nurture great teachers and great leaders at every school in the State. I feel passionately that students emerging from our schools should be not only "college and career ready," but inspired to live engaged lives that matter.

In closing, I would like to extend a warm mahalo to my family and to the many others who have offered their extraordinary support over the past year and again today. And I thank the committee again for giving me the opportunity to appear before you. I look forward to answering any questions you may have.



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

Friday, April 13, 2012, 1:15 PM
State Capitol Room 225

Testimony of
NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

To the Senate Education Committee
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

GM 818 Confirmation of **Nancy Jo-Yamakawa Budd** to the
State of Hawai'i Board of Education

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

I am pleased to support the confirmation of Nancy Budd to the State of Hawai'i Board of Education. I have appointed Budd as the Kauai representative for a three-year term ending June 30, 2015.

Last March, I appointed Budd for a one-year term on the inaugural State of Hawaii Board of Education. During her tenure, Budd has been an active member of the BOE and immersed herself in learning about the issues facing public education statewide. Budd has taken a leadership role in governance issues, particularly in revising the BOE's by-laws and reviewing board policies to ensure proper role and focus of the board. Budd also led the BOE's community meeting on Kauai.

Budd is an attorney in private practice. She has a long history of involvement with public education and youth. Budd is a volunteer reading tutor at Wilcox Elementary School. She is also a volunteer judge with the Teen Court Program of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Prior to Budd's daughter's graduation from Kauai High School, Budd was active in Parent Teacher Student Association at King Kaumuali'i Elementary School, Kauai District, and State. Additionally, Budd is also engaged in the Kauai community as a member of the Hawaii Community Foundation Kauai Leadership Council, Hale 'Opio

Kauai, and formerly on the Kokee State Park Advisory Council, among other organizations.

Budd's concern for public education is genuine, and her sacrifices to be a BOE member are hallmarks of a true servant leader. I look forward to continuing to work with Budd and encourage you to confirm her for a full term as a BOE member.



STATE OF HAWAII
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Senate Committee on Education
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chairperson
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chairperson

Friday, April 13, 2012
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Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225

Testimony of Donald G. Horner, Chairperson

GM 818 Confirmation of Nancy Budd to the State of Hawai'i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to support the confirmation of Nancy Budd to the State of Hawai'i Board of Education (the "**Board**").

Certainly, this last year has proven to be a test in how the newly appointed school board would govern and work together. In the face of many challenges, new processes and a different governance environment, the Board has come together around the Department to ensure that public education in Hawai'i continues to grow and strengthen our community.

Nancy has been an asset to this Board in its work to streamline its processes which includes a comprehensive review of all its Board Policies. Through Nancy's work, the Board has focused on the policy aspects of governance. Nancy has also continually shown a commitment to thoughtful analysis of issues.

Nancy balances the essential work of a policy-making board with the community engagement necessary for our Board representative from Kauai. Nancy worked hard to engage the island of Kauai by partnering with Complex Area Superintendent Bill Arakaki to develop the agenda and organize the three Kauai community meetings held in 2011. Clearly, Nancy has been diligent in bridging the work of the Board and the Department with her communities' needs.

Nancy is a valued member of the Board and I encourage you to confirm her nomination.



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TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to support the nomination of Nancy Budd for reappointment to the State of Hawai'i Board of Education. Ms. Budd has done a wonderful job during her first year on the Board of Education, and I know she will continue to be a thoughtful, conscientious member of the Board if she is reappointed to a three-year term.

During her first year, she worked hard to understand the issues facing K-12, and did an excellent job communicating and reaching out to both Bill Arakaki, Kauai Complex Area Superintendent, and me, Chancellor of Kauai Community College to see how we might all be able to work together to improve education on Kauai and in the state. Also during this first year, she worked with Board member DeLima on moving forward the BOE policy audit. They have made recommendations to clear impediments, align objectives and identify areas where new policies may need to be designed. She also took a lead role in introducing BOE community meetings. Three community meetings have been held this year so far, and more are planned this spring.

Ms. Budd has a sincere passion for education, and she is willing to work hard to improve the education of our keiki. I have had the opportunity to work with her not only in her role on the Board of Education, but in other venues, and I can testify to her clear sense of process, her fairness, and her dedication. In short, the state is lucky to have someone of Ms. Budd's caliber on the State Board of Education, and I strongly recommend that her appointment be continued.

Should you need further details regarding my recommendation for Ms. Budd's reappointment, please feel free to call or email me at 808 245-8210 or helencox@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen A. Cox".

Helen A. Cox

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April 5, 2012

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 818
IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF NANCY BUDD FOR
REAPPOINTMENT TO STATE OF HAWAII BOARD OF EDUCATION**

It is my great pleasure to recommend NANCY BUDD for reappointment to the State of Hawai'i Board of Education.


I have known Nancy Budd for many years. She and I were part of a mother's group that worked to improve public education when our daughters were in elementary school. They are now 27 years old.

An attorney by training, Nancy has the skills to navigate the labyrinth of state policies and laws. She is a diplomat and a fighter. She knows the Kauai community well. And, despite the formidable obstacles, she is totally dedicated to creating a public school system second to none, while including everyone in the process.

We, on Kauai, have been grateful that Nancy has been representing us on the Board of Education. The work has scarcely begun. I wholeheartedly support her reappointment.

Mahalo for your kind consideration and for your commitment and efforts to transform our public education system into a 21st Century model of excellence.

Sincerely,


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April 13, 2012

Senate Committee on Education
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Conference Room 225

GM 818: Written testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Nance Budd, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members:

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 30 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

HE'E has been attending regularly the Board of Education Student Achievement Committee meetings, of which Ms. Budd is a member. We appreciate Ms. Budd's active contribution to this committee and consideration for family and community engagement. Further, she has demonstrated her commitment to her own district community by hosting three Board of Education community meetings in last quarter of 2011, touching the Westside, Northside and Central regions of the island.

We strongly encourage this Committee to reappoint Ms. Budd. We look forward to continuing our work with her and the Student Achievement Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. The support of this Governor's Message represents 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director



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Center for Civic Education
*DOE Windward District
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
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April 7, 2012

**TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education**

**FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.**

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

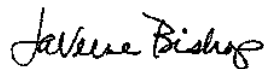
I am writing in support of the re-appointment of Nancy Budd. For over thirty years Ms. Budd has volunteered, created, and actively participated in education development and student support initiatives on Kaua'i, leading to her current and additional three year appointment to the Board of Education.

Ms. Budd continues in her thirteenth year of tutoring in Wilcox Elementary School, evaluates Kapa'a High Senior Projects, participates in Kaua'i, High Project Grad, holds community meetings on education, and is on the strategy committee for a Kaua'i initiative aiming to have a collective impact on young people "cradle to career". She is in touch with the issues and working along with stakeholders to make a difference.

Ms. Budd brings her depth of experience in a broad range of professional and civic activities to verify information to provide informed and fair input. She is committed to youth development and compelled to work with an education system that demonstrates efficacy through student achievement, graduation rates, preparation for post-graduate training/higher education, and employability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the three year appointment of Nancy Yamakawa Budd to the Board of Education.

Sincerely,



LaVerne Bishop
Executive Director

Erin Conner

From: Jim Popham [wpopham@ucla.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 8:02 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for the State of Hawaii Board of Education

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidana, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

Yesterday I received a request from Nancy Budd, a member of the Hawaii Board of Education, who has completed a year as a Board member and has now been nominated to serve an additional three-year term. Nancy asked me, if I were willing, to write a letter in support of this new three-year appointment. As you can infer from this e-mail, I was definitely willing to do so. In Nancy Budd, Hawaii has the insightful and sensible services of one of your state's most thoughtful citizens. You would be fortunate to retain her services on the Board. I am so please that she is willing to be re-appointed.

Because I had written a letter to both of you, and the rest of the Senate Committee on Education, about one year ago in support of her initial appointment, I thought I should re-read what I had originally written in April of 2011. I just finished re-reading that earlier e-mail, and am pleased to say I endorse all that I said 12 months ago. The essence of the earlier e-mail was to recount my interactions with Nancy during about a decade when I resided on Kauai. I indicated to you that, based initially on a weekly tennis group, I had come to know and respect her intellect and her values. This respect has not diminished during the past year, I assure you. I suspect she must be a first-rate lawyer, for she clearly possesses a first-rate mind. Happily, those intellectual skills are employed to support worthwhile endeavors—notably the promotion of improved public education in Hawaii.

During the past year, on several occasions, I have had the opportunity to discuss education-relevant issues with Nancy on the phone. I have been truly impressed with her considerable familiarity with a number of educational issues that fall within my own domain of interest. For example, as you know, the past year has been marked by considerable test-development activity on the part of two multi-state consortia, both of whom have agreed to build (with substantial federal support) sets of assessment instruments to gauge students' mastery of the Common Core State Standards. This is an enormously important test-development endeavor, for the tests that must be in place by the 2014-15 school year will surely have a profound impact on the way classroom instruction is carried out in the U.S.—and in Hawaii for certain.

Because Nancy knew that I was a member of the Technical Advisory Committee guiding one of the two consortia, she solicited my thinking regarding the nature of what is happening with the two consortia. This is the kind of interest in education-related issues that she has always displayed. She is not the sort of state board member who is content to meet periodically, talk story, and be regarded as important. On the contrary, Nancy Budd *works* at this important appointment. She has, during this past year, become truly knowledgeable about the full range of issues faced by Board members.

Do I support her for an additional three-year appointment? Of course I do, and with enthusiasm. In my own work on the mainland, I often meet with state board members from other states regarding issues linked to students' assessment in their states. In a sense, this gives me a chance to compare Nancy Budd with other educational policymakers throughout the nation. I have made those comparisons, and she is hands-down smarter and more caring than all but a few of her counterparts. She is a talented citizen of Hawaii, willing to devote a portion of her life to the state's children. You are fortunate to have her on board your Board!

W. James Popham
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March 28, 2012

**TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education**

**FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.**

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

I am in strong support for the nomination of Nancy Budd for State Hawaii Board of Education. I feel that Ms. Budd has been a strong advocate for the voices of students, parents, and community members. I had the good fortune of working with her on a number of educational causes and I find her to be extremely responsive, articulate, intelligent and passionate for educational equity.

Her one-year term must be extended so that she can have continued positive impact on the state of education in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Patricia Halagao

Erin Conner

From: Darcie Yukimura [dyukimura@hcf-hawaii.org]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 9:37 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai`i Board of Education

March 29, 2012

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai`i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee, It is with great pride that I support the candidacy of Nancy Budd for an additional three year term on the State of Hawai'i Board of Education. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Nancy over the past four years. I am continually impressed not only by her strong reputation and expertise in her field, but by her passion and dedication to the community.

Over the past few decades, Nancy has passionately served the school system in multiple capacities including participating on school boards and personally tutoring students. She is one that walks her talk when it comes to improving education for all. Her leadership and expertise has always been inspiring to the community as she welcomes all to dialog about their concerns and suggestions.

Nancy has shown her knowledge of the many facets of Hawaii's school system over the past year as a Board member. Nancy will continue to serve our community and the State of Hawaii her strong skill set and a spirit of aloha. Thank you for considering Nancy Budd for an additional three year term.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (808) 282-0852 or by e-mail at darcie.yukimura@gmail.com<<mailto:darcie.yukimura@gmail.com>>.

Sincerely,
Darcie Yukimura

Erin Conner

From: lorey ishihara [loreyishihara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2012 9:35 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Nancy Budd for Board of Education!!!!

I place my support in Nancy Budd as a member of the Board of Education!

Sincerely,
Lorey Ishihara

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April 2, 2012

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818, Friday April 13, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy J. Budd for State of Hawai`i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

Almost exactly a year ago I wrote you a letter in support of Nancy Budd's nomination to the State of Hawai`i Board of Education. I am appending that letter below as it remains pertinent to her nomination for a second term.

Although I have not been able to attend any of the BOE meetings, I have spoken with Nancy on several occasions about her experiences as a member of the Board. Although occasionally frustrated by the constraints of the Sunshine Law, which sometimes impedes the ability of Board members to receive and share information, she remains enthusiastic about her work and what she believes can be accomplished. [Note: Nancy also recognizes the value of the Sunshine Law.]

Nancy was especially active in the discussions about proposed changes in the DOE curriculum and was pleased to be able to champion the importance of social studies in preparing students to be good citizens in the modern world. From my conversations with her, it appeared that she did what good board members do: asked questions, investigated the reasoning behind the adoption of particular policies and provided alternative perspectives. Doing this productively requires doing one's homework, knowing the issues and being open to alternative views. These are areas in which Nancy excels.

As a first year member of the Board, Nancy has learned a great deal. She retains her enthusiasm for the tasks that lie ahead and is willing to do the hard work required to accomplish them. She is also open minded, very smart and very easy to work with. I recommend her without reservation!

Sincerely yours,

Andrew F. Bushnell
Emeritus Professor of History
Kaua`i Community College

Erin Conner

From: Diane Zachary [dzachary@kauainetwork.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 3:56 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

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

I am writing to express my strong support of Nancy Budd for a three-year term to the Board of Education.

I met Nancy about six years ago when she served as a member of our Education Action Team, whose purpose was to identify ways to support and improve public education on Kauai.

Since then I have had the opportunity to observe her many facets. She is a respected attorney with fine analytical skills. As a classroom volunteer for many years at an elementary school in Lihue, she showed her commitment to helping children achieve their potential. Most recently, she is participating with local leaders in education and support services to develop a new Keiki to Career initiative on Kauai. In that role, she has proved to be an effective education strategist. She understands and represents very well the educational needs not just of our island but of the entire state.

When Nancy joined the Board for a one-year appointment, it seemed like an excellent match of her skills to this important task. I appreciate your consideration of her nomination and urge your approval so she can continue to do a great job on the Board of Education for all Hawaii's keiki.

Sincerely yours,
Diane Zachary
President & CEO

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Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua'i

Senate Committee on Education
Friday, April 8, 2011
1:15PM
Conference Room 225

**Testimony of Alan T. Murakami in Support of
GM 658: Appointment of NANCY JO-YAMAKAWA BUDD**

I support the appointment of Nancy Jo Yamakawa Budd to the State Board of Education.

I have known Nancy for over 30 years, during which she has consistently demonstrated her dedication to public service and the public interest in many areas in which she has been active. As a law student, she was consistently an advocate of help for the disadvantaged, even working at great personal and financial sacrifice to help death row prisoners obtain legal representation. Early in her career, she worked for the Legal Aid Society of Hawai`i as a staff attorney on Kaua`i, offering her help to countless individuals who did not otherwise have such legal help.

I witnessed Nancy, as a parent, volunteer early and assertively in attempting to reform programs of the Department of Education, on behalf of her young daughter, who attended public school throughout her schooling years. Nancy was a staunch supporter of the public education system throughout much of those years, acting as a parent advocate who attained statewide recognition for her efforts at the time. Although she encountered some major disappointments in that process, she still maintained a positive and constructive attitude throughout that period. Even after her only daughter graduated and attended college on the continent, Nancy continued to volunteer in the public schools as a tutor, hoping to make a crucial difference in the lives of those students needing the most help from a professional like her who had skills that would benefit adolescents.

The Governor's appointment of Nancy appears to be based on her stellar reputation in the community. She is not a political appointment in the sense that she worked as a supporter during this past year's campaign. She is a person who brings great integrity to the BOE at a time of great challenge and need. I have no hesitation urging the Senate to welcome Nancy as an education champion who would never place any personal gain ahead of her duties as a board member. I am confident she will bring great credit to the board in the years she serves, if confirmed.

Finally, as personal friend, I have seen aspects of Nancy's dedication to causes that inspire those around her. Those that know her, like I do, can be assured that Nancy will put her heart and soul in any endeavor in which she engages. There is never a question about any selfish motivations in her actions. She acts on her conscience and is sincere about any effort in which she engages to improve the lives of others in her community. She loves the outdoors and is a protector of the environment around her. Her personal example motivates others around her to do better at what each does. She is attentive and meticulous to detail. The State is lucky to have her serve.

I urge her prompt confirmation to the BOE.



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April 4th, 2012

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday, April 2012

RE: In support of the nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawaii, Board of Education

Nancy Budd is a strong advocate for education. From the time her daughter attended kindergarten at King Kaumualii Elementary, Nancy has participated in the classroom as a volunteer through all the grades and into Project Grad. In fact, she also was one of the founders of King Kaumualii Elementary PTSA and Kauai District PTSA where she held the positions of President, Director and Board Member.

I first met Nancy when I became a member of the Board of Directors of Hale 'Opio Kauai, an agency with programs for troubled youth such as Teen Court, Boy and Girls Youth homes, etc. Nancy's years of services as an attorney with legal matters as well as common sense decision making skills based on past knowledge and experiences make her a valuable asset. She is a great team player and is well respected in Kauai Community.

Presently we both serve on a collective impact initiative geared to create large scale social / emotional impact on Kauai. Keiki to Career – Ready to Learn, Ready for Life, is made up of leaders throughout Kauai who are looking to “make a difference” for our children and young people. Nancy is a well respected contributor. Being a Board of Education member her views, perspective and up to date knowledge makes her a valuable asset to this project.

Being a strong advocate for children getting a good start in school, Nancy recently asked to visit KIDS School after reading the book I authored, “Beyond the Sandbox: Preschool Matters – Closing the gap between research and practice”. It is evident that Nancy has a passionate thirst for learning all things pertaining to educating our children including our youngest students, which is where it all starts.

I am sure the Legislature's goal is to make a positive change in Hawaii's Education System. If we continue to do things the same way, we will continue to get the same results.



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From my point of view, I feel that parents must be included in the success of a child's education. Parents are the third leg of the educational tripod that consists of the child, the school and the home environment. It is my belief that a partnership between school, child and parents will provide the most positive and successful learning experience for each child's development. Even though a teacher with a quality program can make a huge impact on a developing child, the biggest impact happens when the parents themselves are willing to participate and become partners with the teacher, and if necessary, to change their parenting style and consequently their home environment.

Nancy's value to the Board of Education is that she can view Hawaii Education System through the eyes of what happens in a public school classroom as well as view it through the eyes of an involved parent and an active community education advocate who just happens to also have a legal background.

I look forward to having Nancy Budd, continue her work as the Kauai Board of Education member, to be a part of this change in the Education of Hawaii's keiki.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Kunimura

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Erin Conner

From: Charlie King [charlie@kingautocenter.com]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 11:04 AM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

**TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education**

**FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.**

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee;

I am writing to enthusiastically support Ms. Budd's nomination to continue serving on the Board of Education. I have know her through involvement on the Kauai Leadership Council, a group established to advise and support the Hawaii Community Foundation. Nancy has always been thoughtful and measured in her observations and advice. I have spoken with her often about her work with the BoE and have been impressed with her knowledge, but more so with her passion for improving the system. I feel that is crucial for that board in performing it's duties. She is totally dedicated to the success of the initiatives the BoE has begun.

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Re: [In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education](#)

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee

As a public library manager on Kauai, I am writing in support of the nomination of Nancy Budd's reappointment to the Board of Education. I have known Nancy Budd for over 15 years as a mother, attorney, and a leader in Education on Kauai. She has always been an enthusiastic and an active supporter of public schools, our libraries and our mission. I have known her to be a caring, conscientious worker, honest and fair, who works diligently towards improving library services in Hawaii.

During her year on the Board of Education, she has invited our libraries to participate in the BOE's Community Meetings on Kauai to introduce to the public and educators our new services and technologies. She even arranged for the Kauai Westside BOE Community Meeting to be held at the Hanapepe Library giving more exposure to the services and activities provided by our libraries. Her door has always been open to us whenever we needed to discuss problems, new ideas or questions on libraries and education.

In this exciting and fast moving period of change in services and electronic growth within the Hawaii State Public Library System we need the guidance and support of people like Nancy Budd on the Board of Education. I believe her reappointment would be a definite asset to all of us who work in libraries. Please give her the opportunity to continue the excellent work she has begun during her one-year appointment.

Thank you,
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April 9, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Education

For: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.
Letter in Support of Nomination of Nancy J. Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of
Education.

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing to express my support and high regard for Nancy J. Budd, who has been nominated for a three year term on the State of Hawai'i Board of Education.

I had the opportunity to testify before Ms. Budd and the rest of the Board of Education this past summer and fall regarding the Department of Education's proposal to change the number of social studies credits required for graduation from Hawai'i's public schools. At this time, I was impressed by Ms. Budd for a number of reasons. First, it was clear that Ms. Budd had taken the time to read and analyze the many written testimonies that had been submitted by the board. Her questions and statements were intelligent, informed and relevant. Her questions and statements also demonstrated her concern for Hawai'i's children, and her strongly held belief that all of Hawai'i's public school students should receive a high quality education that will prepare them for college and careers and equip them to be informed, contributing, participating citizens. She is a strong advocate for the Hawai'i's public school students, but is realistic about the parameters within which the DOE must operate.

In addition, prior to my becoming a teacher, I worked as an attorney for 13 years. During that time, I learned through colleagues of the high regard in which Ms. Budd is held in the legal community. In addition to being a good attorney, she was considered to be of high moral character, and integrity. Furthermore she always had the best interests of the community at heart. Her work on the Board of Education confirms her possession of these qualities.

For the above reasons, I wholeheartedly support Nancy J. Budd's nomination to the Board of Education.

Very truly yours,

Melissa W.L. Seu Beavers
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Emailed Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education

DATE: April 9, 2012

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Millicent L. Wellington

FOR: **Hearing on Governor's Message 818**
Friday, April 13, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: **In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawaii Board of Education**

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee;

I am writing in full support of Nancy J. Budd who has been appointed to serve for an additional 3-year term after having completed a one-year term to Hawaii's Board of Education.

Last year, when Governor Abercrombie announced his selection of Nancy Budd, so many of us on Kauai celebrated his choice. Almost immediately after the appointment became official, Nancy began her diligent outreaching throughout the community, the teachers, and parent to identify the major issues of concern to bring to the board's table of discussions. We found comfort by her commitment to seek ways to impact the processing of educational reforms that would address what we see as an alarming indifference to learning by too many of our youth.

For more than thirty years, I have watched Nancy work, aside from her profession as an attorney, elbow to elbow with teachers, parents and youth and among folks with similar interests in service to the broader community. I have worked with Nancy during my 27 years as a teacher and now, as a retiree, through our common interests in community service and board work. I have watched her nurture her daughter's amazing academic achievements through the public school system then, through earning her college degree, marveling over how she had nurtured her child's innovative prowess on a rural campus to excel in academic achievements comparable to that of students on Oahu who had the advantage of having more opportunities to stimulating learning resources.

I believe Nancy Budd understands the challenges facing our Kauai's public schools in the endeavor to bring dramatic and positive results in the island's overall academic community. She knows how important it is to bring the joy of teaching and the joy of learning back to each and every campus.

Kauai will continue to have an effective voice for our students in the public system. I urge you and the members of the Senate Committee on Education to approve Nancy Budd's nomination to the Board of Education.

Sincerely,

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April 10, 2012

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Nancy Budd's nomination to serve another three year term with the State of Hawai'i Board of Education. I have had the good fortune of serving on the Hawaii Justice Foundation Board with her over the last three years. The Hawaii Justice Foundation Board administers grants to organizations that provide direct legal services to the underprivileged.

With each issue that has come before the Board, Nancy has demonstrated keen judgment, balance, and fairness. Her legal training and over three decades of experience in estate planning, business and elder law have given her the ability to adeptly analyze the complex issues which arise for consideration and decision making. This ability coupled with a deep commitment to improving access to justice for Hawai'i's people inform each decision in her excellent stewardship of the funds over which the Board oversees.

Nancy's extensive background in public education and her lifelong commitment to its improvement give her the experience and expertise needed to solve the educational system's many complex problems. Her ability to see the value in the perspectives of others and to find a common ground makes her an excellent consensus builder and contributes toward an effective approach to collaborative problem solving. She will continue to bring invaluable expertise to the Board of Education and we are fortunate to have someone of her character, intelligence and integrity representing Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

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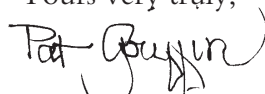
RE **In SUPPORT of Nomination of Nancy J Budd for
State of Hawai'i Board of Education**

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of the nomination of Nancy J Budd to the State of Hawai'i Board of Education.

She has been a most dedicated member of that board for the past year, committing herself wholeheartedly to her duties. Ms. Budd is a woman of extraordinary intelligence and character, and Governor Abercrombie could not have chosen a better nominee to the state's enormously important Board of Education.

I wholeheartedly support Nancy Budd's nomination and encourage you to confirm her appointment without hesitation.

Yours very truly,


Pat L Griffin

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
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**FOR: Hearing on Governor's Message 818
Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.**

Re: In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education


Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Amber Strong Makaiau and I am writing this letter in strong support of the nomination of Nancy Budd for the State of Hawai'i Board of Education. I have been an educator in the Department of Education for over eleven years and have dedicated myself to the betterment of our public schools. Last summer I became actively involved in policy decisions related to our Department of Education's graduation requirements, which involved attending a number of Board of Education meetings. I was deeply impressed with Nancy Budd's commitment, passion and intelligent decision-making in her position as a member of the Board of Education.

At all of the Board of Education meetings that I attended it was clear to myself, and others that Nancy Budd "did her homework." She had thoroughly researched the issues that were up for discussion, and had a good grasp of the real issues that teachers and administrators were dealing with in Hawai'i's schools. I was also impressed with her willingness to ask tough questions regarding those issues. Her questions were not only directed to members of the Hawai'i State Department of Education but to the public giving testimony and to other members of the Board of Education. This not only helped to inform Nancy Budd's thinking, but helped to open up important dialogue regarding "what's best" for our students. Nancy Budd's commitment to truly vetting the issues that she was being asked to make a decision on was reassuring. It helped ensure the public that her vote was well thought out and based on good reasoning.

It is my recommendation that Nancy Budd continue to serve on the State of Hawai'i Board of Education. Nancy Budd is asset to our state. She is an advocate for the children of Hawai'i, and a true guardian of their future. If you have any questions regarding the merit of Nancy Budd I would be more than willing to give further comment. I can be reached via e-mail at maniniz@yahoo.com. Thank you for your time, and for considering Nancy Budd for an additional three-year term.

Sincerely,


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Friday April 13, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: [In Support of Nomination of Nancy Budd for State of Hawai'i Board of Education](#)

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee,

I am a physician on Kauai and a graduate of Kapaa High School. I have known Nancy Budd for many years. She is an exemplary community member and an asset to the public schools for a long time. She has been an advocate of and supporter of many programs benefitting school children. As a perennial volunteer for Teen court, spending years listening to and guiding children about justice at the basic level. She has also been volunteering at Project Grad programs for many years as well as tutoring at the public schools. Her intelligence and sincerity shows in her ferocious defense of anything to improve our children's chance of success.

I trust Nancy to do what right and what is practical for our public school children 100%. She has done well for herself and her daughter(a successful Kauai High School graduate and wants to share her knowledge and aloha. Sincerely,

Paul Esaki, MD