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

Testimony of Honorable Neil Abercrombie Governor, State of Hawaii

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

GM 839

Consideration and Confirmation of Carol Mon Lee to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

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

I am pleased to nominate Carol Mon Lee to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Her term will end on 6/30/2016.

Mon Lee has taught a various levels from pre-k to secondary to higher education, where she served as Associate Dean of the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law. Through her experiences, she has gained valuable insight into the kind of coordinated commitment required from teachers, parents and administrators to successfully guide a child through the entire educational system – from their entry into pre-k straight through to a productive career.

Mon Lee also served as a staff attorney at the 1978 Constitutional Convention, private law practice, and Senior Vice-President of two of Honolulu financial firms. In addition to representing Hawaii on the WICHE Commission, her volunteer activities include two terms on the Hawaii Real Estate Commission, 12 years as a trustee of St. Andrews Priory and leadership positions in numerous local non-profits. She is also a former Hawaii Board of Education Member.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request that you confirm Carol Mon Lee to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.