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Hawaii State Senate Senate Committee on Human Services Testimony by Early Learning Council Chair March 27, 2012 Conference Room 016, State Capitol

## GM 840 Early Learning Council Gubernatorial Nominee Pamela Perkins

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

As Co-Chairs of the Early Learning Council, Bob Peters and I recommend that your Committee confirm Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Pamela Perkins as a member of the Early Learning Council.

Pamela is a welcomed addition to our Council and has much needed knowledge about our family care choice for early learning. She has been diligent about her participation, even though a hardship as she takes time from her day care responsibilities and resides on a Neighbor Island. She has contributed her knowledge about the needs of Hawaii's children and their families to the Council's work and has been an active voice for early learning in the public forum. As a strong advocate for quality early learning options and a respected practitioner in her community, Pamela brings credible and practical knowledge to the Council's efforts as we move forward with the State on early learning options for all children.

Sincerely,

Robert Peters Chair, Early Learning Council

Dee Jay Mailer Co-Chair, Early Learning Council