

GM907

WRAY JOSE

Nomination to the Hawaii Teacher
Standards Board

Senator Jill Tokuda
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda,

April 3, 2012

Aloha! Thank you for your letter apprising me of the time and date of my confirmation hearing regarding my appointment to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Below are my responses to the questions posed in your letter.

1) Why did you decide to apply to serve on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board?

I decided to apply for a position on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board because I wish to be of service to the community, and to the teaching profession in particular. It is my firm belief that sound policies governing teacher standards will lead to well qualified teachers in service to the public school children of the State of Hawaii, and I wish to contribute to that effort.

2) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, why do you believe you are qualified for the position?

I believe my knowledge and experience in the field of education make me well qualified for a position on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I have been a Social Studies teacher at Moanalua High School since 1990, and in 2004 was named History Teacher of the Year for the State of Hawaii. I serve as a mentor to new teachers as part of the Central District Teacher Development Program, and am a member of the Professional Development Team at Moanalua High School. In addition, I already have experience as a member of the Teacher Standards Board, currently serving as a member for the past year as well as having served previously from 2004 to 2007.

3) What do you perceive the role of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to be as it relates to teacher quality and student achievement?

The role of the Board is to ensure that teachers receiving initial licenses in the State of Hawaii possess the content knowledge and pedagogical skills necessary to promote progressive student achievement in the classroom; that in order to have their licenses renewed they continue during the course of their licensure to perform satisfactorily in the classroom; and that they demonstrate ethical behavior throughout the course of their teaching practice. To the extent that teachers may fail to achieve these goals, teacher licenses will be denied or revoked. Such rigorous and comprehensive licensure requirements will lead to quality educational services for students, resulting in advances in student achievement.

4) Please identify one short- and one long-term goal you would have as a Hawaii Teacher Standards Board member and how you would accomplish these during your term of service.

As the Chair of the Teacher Standards Committee, I have the goal in the near term of implementing the new Teacher Standards, which are based on model national standards developed by The Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC), and which have already been adopted by the Board. A longer range goal is for the Board to become a self-sufficient body, a goal which can be accomplished by reviewing and revising the Board's procedures, functions, and funding mechanisms.

5) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

As I have no involvement in business of any kind, I can foresee no possible conflicts of interest that would affect my serviced on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

I hope these responses will provide you and the other members of the Committee the insights you require to render a sound decision on my appointment to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I look forward to meeting with the Committee and entertaining any further questions you may have at my confirmation hearing later this month.

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY



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Monday, April 16, 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

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Consideration and Confirmation of Wray Jose
to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

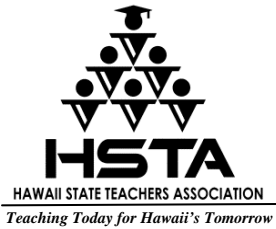
Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

I am pleased to reappoint Wray Jose to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Jose will represent Oahu secondary school teachers. His term will end on 6/30/2015.

Jose has more than 20 years of teaching experience. He is currently a Social Studies teacher at Moanalua High School where he has served for his entire career as a full-time teacher. Jose has served in a variety of roles in his school including as member of the Focus on Learning Resources CMTE, Professional Development Team, and School Community Council. Jose was the state's History Teacher of the Year in 2004.

Jose is committed to ensuring that there is a quality teacher in every classroom in the State of Hawaii which is a commitment of our state's Race to the Top plan. Jose currently serves on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and previously served from 2005 to 2007. Jose is proud to have authored the original version of the teacher Code of Ethics which is now part of the Hawaii Department of Education's administrative rules.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request that you confirm Wray Jose to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: GM 907 WRAY JOSE
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-15
APRIL 16, 2012 1:15PM CONFERENCE ROOM # 225

WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association is proud to support the re-appointment of Wray Jose the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board (HTSB) term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Jose has been a teacher in Hawaii for over 30 years and is currently an HTSB Board member.

Mr. Jose has excelled as a history classroom teacher. He motivates his students by engaging their classroom activities with a combination of best teaching practices. He was recognized as the 2004 History Teacher of the Year for the State of Hawaii. This award is given to exemplary teachers in the subject area.

We know that he will continue to be an asset to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and will uphold high standards for the teaching profession. He is teacher leader in his school, district, and state. Mr. Jose acknowledges and advocates many teacher concerns.



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He is an active and vocal member of the HSTA Board of Directors. He is honest and forthright and will always speak his mind on the issues most important to teachers.

One purpose of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board is of quality control. Members of the Board have the important task to ensure that every single child in our public school system is given the best teacher possible. We are confident that Mr. Jose will continue to be a vocal advocate for high teacher standards. He is conscientious and committed to his students and the practice he delivers daily.

We look forward for your favorable consideration of Wray Jose for the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Re: GM907 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, WRAY JOSE, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Hearing Date: April 16, 2012, 1:15 p.m., Room 225

Testifying: Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

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

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board strongly supports the consideration of WRAY JOSE for a new term on the board. Currently, Mr. Jose serves HTSB as the Chairperson of the Teacher Standards Committee. Two main areas of focus for his committee are the development and adoption of licensing and performance standards for teachers, school counselors and school librarians and the adoption of licensure tests and validation of content expertise. His leadership style invites member input and consideration of all sides of an issue to ensure committee recommendations uphold rigorous standards and common sense approaches to licensure. Mr. Jose brings over twenty-five years of classroom teaching experience and numerous leadership roles, including chairing of the social studies department, school site council, technology task force and as a mentor to new and beginning teachers. His perspective as a respected, seasoned teacher is much appreciated and needed on the board. The HTSB thanks you for your consideration and asks you to confirm Mr. Jose as a member of the board through June 30, 2015.

11 April 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair Senate Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Mr. Wray Jose Nomination to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Measure Number GM 907.

Honorable Senator Tokuda,

Thank you for the opportunity to lend my support for the nomination of Mr. Wray Jose to serve on the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board. Mr. Jose and I have worked together on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board for nearly a year and I have been extremely impressed with his diligent and thoughtful approach to critical issues facing the Board.

In his current position at Moanalua High School, Mr. Jose performs regular classroom observations of new teachers while he mentors and provides assistance and guidance. He conducts periodic seminars for mentees on topics of interest to new teachers and arranges classroom visitations for mentee to observe master teachers. In short, Mr. Jose brings many years of valuable teaching experience to the Board.

I strongly recommend Mr. Jose for appointment to the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board based on his combination of teaching skills and personal commitment to giving Hawaii students the very best possible education we can give to them. I regret that I am not able to attend the hearing and testify in-person but I trust your committee will find Mr. Jose worthy of confirmation.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Patrick
Member, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

April 4, 2012

Letter of Testimony for Wray Jose, GM907, confirmation hearing for Hawaii Teacher Standards Board on Monday, April 16 at 1:15 pm at the Capitol.

Senator Jill Tokuda,

This letter of testimony is being written for Wray Jose, member of Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Wray has been an active board member, participating in all the functions and activities required of him. Because of his depth in thought and analysis, he has been able to contribute in moving the board in making sound decisions.

As a member of the board, and working with Wray, I highly recommend that he be re-confirmed for another term as he is part of our present positive momentum.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ruth Silberstein
Principal, Palolo Elementary School