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Louise Cayetano

Hawaii Teacher Standards
Board



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January 25, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President,
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board**:

HAWAI'I TEACHER
STANDARDS BOARD

TERM TO EXPIRE

Louise Cayetano

6/30/2016

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Testimony of
NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

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

GM 615
Consideration and Confirmation of Louise Cayetano
to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

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

I am pleased to appoint Louise Cayetano to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB). Cayetano will represent Oahu elementary teachers. This appointment will continue her service on the HTSB. Her term will end on 6/30/2016.

Cayetano has 26 years of teaching experience. She is currently a 5th grade teacher at Fern Elementary in Kalihi where she has served for more than 20 years of her career. Cayetano has also participated in statewide educational associations including the Hawaii State Teachers Association on the State Board of Directors, Hawaii Science Teachers Association, and Hawaii Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappan, an honorary organization of women educators.

Cayetano is committed to improving educational excellence and effective teaching. She is committed to serving on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

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



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

RE: G.M. 615 – LOUISE CAYETANO, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, HAWAII
TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD, TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2016

Person Testifying: WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

To The Honorable Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) wholeheartedly supports the appointment of Louise Cayetano to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Ms. Cayetano has been a teacher in Hawaii since 1988.

She is involved in both educational and community activities. Ms. Cayetano has taught at Lanakila Elementary, Leihoku Elementary, and Fern Elementary schools. During her tenure as an educator, she participated in numerous projects and activities such as: piloting foreign languages in the school for Honolulu district, instructor DASH – UH Manoa Program Summer Institute, technology partnerships with Aina Haina Elementary and UH Manoa Department of Disability Studies, distance learning with Samoa and Japan, complex robotics competitions, NASA Space Tomato Seed project, and Leeward Space Simulation Program.

Ms. Cayetano is also an active participant in Alliance for Drama Education, Hawaii Science Teachers Association, Alpha Delta Kappa, and the Hawaii State Teachers Association where she is on the Honolulu Chapter Executive Board and also served as HSTA's teacher lobbyist in 2010. She also takes an active role in National Education Association activities and programs.

Ms. Cayetano is involved in KANU Hawaii, an environmental organization. Also, through KAUPA (Kalaheo Ahupua'a Ulu Pono Ahahui), a non-profit organization created to instill an environmental ethic of caring for the land, she organized and supervised the Kalihi Steam clean-up involving the community and students from a host of schools. For her efforts in this project, Ms. Cayetano was honored as a Hawaii Thousand Friends Organization 2008 Unsung Heroes and also received a Senate certificate of recognition for her dedication as a volunteer for the Kalihi Stream Clean-ups.

We are confident that her expertise, enthusiasm, and dedication to the profession as well as the community will be a great asset to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. The board is a very important vehicle by which the public is assured that teachers in the classrooms are qualified to teach. There are standards to which teachers must meet. These standards are set by the board and those who set and monitor standards must themselves be of the highest caliber. Louise Cayetano is in this level of competency.

We urge this committee to confirm the appointment of Louise Cayetano to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony on GM615, GM616 and GM617, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES
LOUISE CAYETANO, JUSTIN MEW AND FELICIA VILLALOBOS

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By Terry Holck, Chairperson, Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board

February 25, 2013

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

I am writing in strong support of Louise Cayetano, Justin Mew, and Felicia Villalobos for continuing terms as members of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Louise Cayetano is an elementary school teacher who brings with her over 20 years of experience. She is extremely involved in her community and has served in many leadership roles, including being an HSTA teacher lobbyist. Her broad experiences allow her to consider issues from various perspectives, and it is evident during board meetings that she is always thinking about what is in the best interest of the students and teachers in Hawai'i.

Justin Mew is an extremely well respected principal, leader, and community member. He believes that all students deserve a high quality education, and therefore, he holds a high bar for himself and all educators. His broad perspective and leadership experiences have been a wonderful asset to the board.

Felicia Villalobos is an elementary school teacher from Kaua'i. Being from a neighbor island, Felicia helps to create a bridge between the board and the teachers on Kaua'i. She has been an active participant on the board, and she is never afraid to ask the hard questions.

Having a broad range of board members who represent various constituents makes the HTSB better able to have rich discussions and look at issues from a wider range of perspectives. The board can only be as strong as those who serve on it. These three individuals come prepared to the meetings, actively participate, and are highly collaborative, which contributes to a very strong and productive board.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the board with these three people, and I ask that you confirm their reappointment to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board so they can continue the great work they have been doing.

Mahalo for your time and the opportunity to testify.

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By LYNN HAMMONDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

February 21, 2013

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

I am writing in strong support of LOUISE CAYETANO, JUSTIN MEW AND FELICIA
VILLALOBOS for continuing terms as members of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board
with terms to expire on June 30, 2016.

LOUISE CAYETANO brings a wealth of experience as an elementary school teacher and
former lobbyist for the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Her consideration and focus
on student achievement supports strong preparation and licensing standards and
policies.

JUSTIN MEW brings knowledge and perspective from the principal's viewpoint. His
input has been invaluable in considering impact of policies on school and faculty.

FELICIA VILLALOBOS represents teachers from the Island of Kauai. She actively brings
concerns and perspective of Neighbor Island teachers and is well acquainted with
teacher preparation, having served as a mentor for University of Hawaii-Manoa student
teachers.

Members Cayetano, Mew and Villalobos represent a cross section of constituents across
our state and contribute to the strength of the Board in considering well rounded policy
that meets the needs of educators in the field, preparation programs and most
importantly, the students and families in Hawaii which we serve. All three serve on both
the Board's Teacher Standards Committee and the Legislative and By-Laws Committee.
Their background and understanding of policies adopted during their terms will provide
continuity and a continued move toward rigorous licensing and renewal standards and
support of streamlined and user friendly operations. I thank you for your consideration
and ask you to confirm these three members for continuing terms on the Hawaii
Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Testimony on GM615, GM616 and GM617, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES LOUISE CAYETANO, JUSTIN MEW AND FELICIA VILLALOBOS

Monday, February 25, 2013

1:15 pm, State Capitol Room 414

By EDWARD G. PATRICK, MEMBER, HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

February 21, 2013

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

I am writing in strong support of LOUISE CAYETANO, JUSTIN MEW and FELICIA VILLALOBOS for continuing terms as members of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) with terms to expire on June 30, 2016.

LOUISE CAYETANO's wealth of experience as an elementary school teacher and former lobbyist for the Hawaii State Teachers Association is a valued resource to the HTSB. Her focus on student achievement clearly promotes strong teacher preparation and licensing standards and policies.

JUSTIN MEW brings knowledge and perspective from the principal's viewpoint. I am impressed with his diligent and thoughtful approach to critical issues brought before the Board.

FELICIA VILLALOBOS represents teachers from the Island of Kauai. As an NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher and mentor, her background and experience is ideally suited for her to represent Kauai County and to work the critical issues facing the Board in the future.

Members Cayetano, Mew and Villalobos represent constituents across our state in an outstanding manner and contribute greatly to the strength of the Board. All three serve on both the Board's Teacher Standards Committee and the Legislative and By-Laws Committee. Their experience and understanding of policies adopted during their terms will provide continuity and continued strengthening of rigorous licensing and renewal standards. I regret that I am not able to attend the hearing and testify in-person on these outstanding citizens in-person but I trust your committee will find them worthy of confirmation for continuing terms on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Justin Mew	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am a member of the HTSB with nominee Louise Cayetano. She is both an advocate for teachers, demanding of her own profession and the standing of the HTSB. I enjoy working with her on the HSTB. On a side note, Louise was the first HTSB member to welcome me upon my first appointment, and gave me valuable insights to the position. I am in support of Louise Cayetano to be reappointed to the HTSB.

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Aloha! Thank you for this opportunity to share testimony in support of the confirmation of Louise Cayetano as a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I have known Louise for many years in her capacity as a leader in the Hawaii State Teachers Association, and have worked with her over the past two years on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Louise distinguishes herself by her knowledge of issues in education and teacher licensure, and as one who is dedicated to what is in the best interest of the public school children of the state of Hawaii. She is eminently qualified to continue as a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I urge that her re-appointment be confirmed by the Senate Committee on Education.

Best Regards,
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