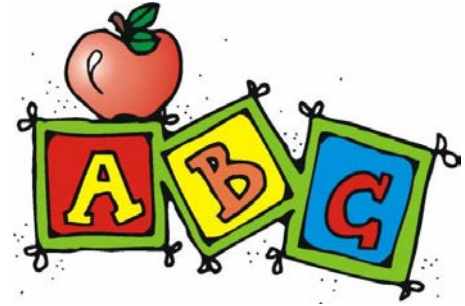


GM506



Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Report Title: Board of Education

Current Referral: EDU

TESTIMONY OF GRANT Y. M. CHUN
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

GM 506, GM 507

Submitting for consideration and confirmation for the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire on June 30, 2017

Chair Tokuda and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you on this matter. I would also like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I would further like to express a special mahalo and aloha to those who have been so kind in submitting letters in support of my nomination.

Service on the Board of Education is not something that would have occurred to me absent the encouragement of friends on Maui who were aware of our Maui Board Member Wesley Lo's plans to leave the Board. They felt that I would be able to continue Mr. Lo's active participation and contribution to the Board. In thinking about it, I had to acknowledge that my family has benefitted greatly from our public schools and I felt that, if there is a way I can give back to a system that has provided us with so much, I would be honored to do so.

I am the product of public schools having grown up on Maui and having attended public school all the way through my high school graduation from Maui High School. My mom was a public school teacher, my wife is a public school registrar, and both my kids are graduates of Baldwin High School on Maui. My most recent involvement with the schools has been primarily as a parent helping with Band Boosters, Project Graduation, History Day, Science Fairs and athletics. Our kids have been nurtured and cared for by their teachers and their school community and we could not be more appreciative.

I perceive it as the role and responsibility of members of the BOE to exercise oversight, and provide guidance and leadership in formulating statewide educational policy as it pertains to our public schools and state libraries. In that regard, I think that it is the duty of board members to be prepared, ask good questions, familiarize themselves with the issues, and make informed decisions and recommendations.

I believe that over the course of my career, both professionally as well as a community volunteer, I have gained the skills to be an active and engaged member of the BOE. I have served on many different boards and have, as a result, learned that there is a special 'language' that must be learned whenever entering any new organization. This was true when I served on the board of our local hospital, and I know it is true in education as well. In that regard, I am a

good listener, a quick study, and a level-headed, logical decision maker. I am not one to make decisions based upon emotion but, as a lawyer, I'm all about gathering the best information available and making decisions based upon that information.

I cannot say that I am adequately familiar with the current work of the board to comment on whether the priorities that have been identified for board focus in the coming year are consistent with what I would deem to be priorities. But overall, I think that the board's priorities should focus on the big picture:

Is leadership and vision being provided to inspire change and evolution in education that will provide excellent learning environments for our students?

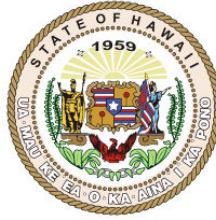
Are the budgets, resources, and facilities being provided to our educators adequate and managed effectively to help them do the best job they can for our students?

Are the benchmarks that have been set for schools and students achievable, realistic, and meaningful?

I think that to provide for community engagement in the formation of education policy it is important to have members on the board who are in fact engaged and involved in their communities. As a lifelong resident of Maui, as a parent, and as an active community volunteer, I feel that I have the kind of background and contact with my community to offer insights that will be helpful in the formation of education policy in the coming years. I understand that the BOE is very committed to proactively seeking community input and I look forward to learning more from the communities served by our public schools.

I don't anticipate any conflicts of interest in my service to the BOE. As I mentioned, my children have already finished high school and, while I do have many friends and contacts, including my wife, who work in the public schools, I don't think that my familiarity with their opinions or concerns will create a conflict of interest for me. More accurately, I think that my awareness of the challenges and demands placed upon our educators will help me to make balanced decisions and provide insights that may not otherwise necessarily be top-of-mind for others on the board.

In closing, I am honored to be considered for this position, and I would be honored by your support for this nomination.



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SHAN S. TSUTSUI
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

TESTIMONY OF
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

GM 506 & 507

Nomination to the Board of Education Mr. Grant Chun

February 13, 2014

Governor's Message 506 & 507 submits for the Senate's consideration and confirmation the nomination of Mr. Grant Chun to the Hawaii State Board of Education.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Grant Chun to the Board of Education. Mr. Chun is a fellow Maui native and has enjoyed a distinguished career in the private sector as a practicing attorney and executive for A&B Properties, as well as the public sector as the former Maui County Managing Director. Grant has demonstrated a long history of leadership and a commitment to ensuring his community is a better place, through his volunteer efforts with many organizations, including the Maui Economic Development Board, Maui Economic Opportunity, and the Maui Chinese Cultural Society, among others.

I have known Grant for many years and have always known him to be a person of the highest caliber in both character and intellect. He will provide a unique perspective to the Board, one that will strike a balance between being highly analytical and deeply humanitarian. Grant will ably help to shape the education system in the State and provide valuable advice and counsel to the Board. As a fellow Maui High School alumnus, I am also confident his appointment will not only be of benefit to the Board of Education but also the entire State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.



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

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
1:15 p.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 414

Testimony of Don G. Horner, Chairperson

GM 506 & GM 507 Confirmation of Grant Chun to the State of Hawaii 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 Grant Chun to the State of Hawaii Board of Education (the "**Board**").

During its first two years, the appointed Board has worked collaboratively with the Department of Education (the "**Department**") to create a strategic plan that has provided much needed prioritization, fiscal restraint and effective support of student achievement.

The Board is now working to ensure that it appropriately monitors the strategic plan initiatives. Through Grant's professional experience, he brings the leadership and judgment the Board needs to provide effective oversight. His service as managing director of Maui County provides him with an understanding of government that few have and this too supports the Board's oversight and policy making roles.

Moreover, Grant's professional background in law and financing serves him well as the Board's newest member of the Finance and infrastructure committee. This is a committee that is responsible for facilities and other operational infrastructure aspects of the Department.

Finally, it is important to note that Board members play a key role in community outreach and Grant's strong connection to the Maui community is a distinguishing characteristic. Grant grew up on Maui and attended Maui High School. He has spent his entire professional life on Maui where his children attended public schools. He is deeply committed to the betterment of his community and continues to support the schools by volunteering for various activities.

Grant has the experience and judgment to be a valuable asset to the Board and I encourage you to confirm his nomination.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
MAYOR



KEITH A. REGAN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

COUNTY OF MAUI

February 7, 2014

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

RE:GM506 and GM507

Hearing Date:February 19, 2014

Hearing Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place:Conference Room 414

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

POSITION: IN SUPPORT

Dear Committee Chair, Vice-Chair & Members:

I am writing in full support of Grant Chun as a member of the Board of Education.

Mr. Chun was raised on Maui and graduated from Maui High School. After high school, he attended the University of Southern California and graduated with his bachelor's degree. He then attended and received his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

Mr. Chun returned to Maui after receiving his law degree and became an integral part of Maui County. He has given back to the community on various levels. He has served on the board of directors for many non-profit and community organizations such as A Keiki's Dream, Alexander and Baldwin Foundation, Maui Chinese Cultural Society, and the Maui Economic Development Board. He has also served on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America Maui County Council, Maui Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems, and on the Chancellor's Advisory Council for UH Maui College. I have had the privilege of serving on a few of these non-profit and organizational boards with Mr. Chun and witnessed first hand his professionalism and commitment to these organizations and community that he serves.

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Grant Chun
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Mr. Chun is currently the Vice-President of A&B Properties, Inc., previously served as Managing Director for the County of Maui and continues to be a practicing attorney. He is also a husband and father of two who were both part of the public school system and currently attending college.

Mr. Chun has shown by his educational background, work history and dedication to this community and his family that he is a steadfast person and would make an excellent member of the Board of Education.

Sincerely,



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

February 19, 2014

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

This testimony is submitted in support for GM506, consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 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.

We support the appointment of Grant Chun to the Board Of Education. Mr. Chun is a Maui High School graduate and a life-long Maui resident who understands that community. Despite not being an educator, he serves on a number of non-profit boards and participates in a number of community organizations, bringing a good perspective of the needs of the community. He is also a respected member of the business community as Vice President of A&B Properties and in county government, formerly serving as Managing Director of Maui County.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. Our support represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

Academy 21

After-School All-Stars Hawaii

Alliance for Place Based Learning

*Castle Complex Community Council

Center for Civic Education

Coalition for Children with Special Needs

*DOE Windward District

*Faith Action for Community Equity

Fresh Leadership LLC

Girl Scouts Hawaii

*Good Beginnings Alliance

Harold K.L. Castle Foundation

*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars

*Hawai'i Charter School Network

*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

*Hawaii State PTSA

Hawai'i State Student Council

Hawai'i State Teachers Association

Hawai'i P-20

Hawai'i 3Rs

Head Start Collaboration Office

It's All About Kids

*INPEACE

Joint Venture Education Forum

Junior Achievement of Hawaii

Kamehameha Schools

Kanu Hawai'i

Keiki to Career

Kupu A'e

*Leaders for the Next Generation

Learning First

McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

Our Public School

*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

*Parents and Children Together

*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

Punahou School PUEO Program

Teach for America

The Learning Coalition

US PACOM

University of Hawai'i College of Education

YMCA of Honolulu

Voting Members (*)



February 18, 2014

The Honorable Jill Tokuda,
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 414
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Confirmation Hearing GM 506, 507 - Grant Chun, Board of Education Nominee
Strong Support

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani, and Members,


On behalf of Maui Economic Development Board, Inc. (MEDB) we are pleased to submit testimony in strong support of Board of Education Nominee Grant Chun. Grant has served as an active member of our board of directors for the past 8 years. His dedication, expertise, community involvement, and generous support have made valuable contributions to our organization, the community, and the state. MEDB is indeed fortunate to have his leadership. Grant has been involved in several MEDB focus areas, including business development, civic engagement, and STEM education and outreach. He has been a trusted advisor to our staff leadership as we developed 2 new standards aligned curriculum and expanded our STEM programs to serve over 40,000 DOE participants annually across the state.

Grant will bring a wealth of experience and skills to the Board of Education. His career spans private practice, public service as the managing director for Maui County, and now management in one of the state's largest and oldest commercial companies. Several other non-profit and community organizations have benefitted from his time and talents. Grant is a respected consensus builder within our community—he is often looked to as a steward of values—while advancing opportunities in business and job growth. He has the ability to find the balance often between opposing positions helping us to move forward together.

We are also pleased to offer our personal endorsement. Grant exhibits the highest level of integrity and can always be counted upon to deliver what he has promised. He is a product of Hawaii's public education system, as a graduate of Maui High. He is also a proud father of two recent Baldwin alums, who are both now successfully pursuing college degrees. He will be a valued asset to our public education system.

Thanks for your favorable consideration. Please feel free to call if we can provide any further information: 808-280-0376.


Jeanne Skog
President & CEO


Leslie Wilkins
Vice President

Joyce T. Yamada
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Kula, HI 96790

January 27, 2014

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

RE: Mr. Grant Y. M. Chun's nomination to the Board of Education

Dear Senator Tokuda,

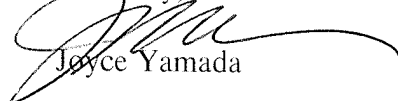
It is with pleasure that I endorse Mr. Grant Y. M. Chun's nomination to the Board of Education. I have known Mr. Chun for nearly thirty years, while serving with Mr. Chun on the Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool Board of Directors, the Iao Intermediate School Renaissance Board, and in numerous other community organizations and activities. Mr. Chun is a dedicated advocate of the Hawaii public school system and K-12 education.

Mr. Chun, his wife, and two children are products of Maui's public education system. He understands the challenges and successes of public education system and has tirelessly worked to promote student learning and community success. Mr. Chun brings over fourteen years of skillful management and negotiation experience as the Maui county managing director and presently as Vice President of Operations at A&B Properties, Inc.

Mr. Chun is widely respected for his leadership and community service. He is enthusiastic and committed to serving his community and will support and promote the educational needs of Hawai'i's children. He has the ability to work equally well with administrators, educators, and students. Mr. Chun is knowledgeable and open-minded, certainly, assets essential to the effectiveness of the Hawai'i Board of Education.

I whole-heartedly support Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Grant Y. M. Chun (GM506 and GM507) to the Board of Education. Mr. Chun has the demonstrated leadership, experience, and heart to lead Hawai'i's education system well into the 21st century. Thank you for your kind consideration of Mr. Grant Y. M. Chun's nomination to the Board of Education.

Sincerely,


Joyce Yamada

Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan
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February 6, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: **GM506 and GM507**

Hearing Date: February 19, 2014
Hearing Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 414
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

POSITION: IN SUPPORT

Dear Committee Chair, Vice-Chair & Members:

I am writing in full support of Grant Chun as a member of the Board of Education.

Upon graduating from the prestigious Hastings School of Law in 1986, Mr. Chun, a product of Maui's public schools, returned to Maui to serve his home island in countless ways.

Besides being a very competent attorney, his experience includes serving as Managing Director for the County of Maui and Vice-President of A & B Properties, Inc.

Mr. Chun has made and continues to make a tremendous, positive impact in our community through his involvement in numerous professional and community service organizations. He would be an excellent member of the Board of Education.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-244-6042.

Sincerely yours,

Lynn A.S. Araki-Regan
Attorney at Law

February 6, 2014

I am writing in support of Grant Chun's appointment to the Board of Education. I met him in Law School, and we have remained friends ever since. Grant's experience and qualifications are well-documented. His conduct has always been exemplary, and as a parent, attorney and leader his decisions are always informed and well-reasoned. For these reasons I believe he is deserving of this prestigious office, and he will be an asset to the Board. Thank you.

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February 6, 2014

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 414
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Mr. Grant Chun's Nomination to the Board of Education

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

My name is Karey Kapoi and I am an Administrative Services Officer at Maui Memorial Medical Center. It is my pleasure to write in support of GM 506 and GM 507, to confirm Governor Abercrombie's appointment of Mr. Grant Chun to the Board of Education.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Chun in various capacities over the last 15 years, most recently when he served as Chair of the Maui Region's Quality committee. Over the course of the last 15 years, Mr. Chun has always been fair, intelligent and forward thinking, keeping the community's long term benefits at top of mind. Under his leadership in the Quality committee, we were empowered to implement a number of initiatives that improved the safety, experience and communication for our staff and patients.

Mr. Chun and his children are all products of public schools; his experience and background make him a knowledgeable spokesperson and advocate in addressing the challenges and potential within our public school system. He is a widely respected member of our community, with a reputation of hard work, honesty and service. I strongly support his nomination, and am hopeful he will be able to continue to serve our community through this position.

Mahalo,

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February 6, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM506 & GM507; Grant Chun's Nomination to Board of Education

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I have known Mr. Grant Chun for more than 30 years. Even at Maui High School he was already a leader as President of his class for four years and a major force in the speech club where I first met him. I began my legal career at Carlsmith Ball's Maui office in 1990 where he was already practicing law and later we became involved in some of the same political campaigns and nonprofit organizations. Today, I am honored to call him my friend.

The saying goes "when you want to get something done, you give it to a busy person." Nothing could ring more true for Mr. Chun. He is busy, but somehow manages to get things done while still remaining committed to his family. His history of employment and service to the community proves that the people of Maui know that this is the kind of man you want to have representing you. You can't serve on so many boards for so many years unless you are wanted. You are wanted because you are liked, possess valuable qualities and know how to be an effective board member.

Being on the Board of Education can sometimes mean that you will be in the "hot seat." It can be really difficult dealing with all that goes with politics and human nature. Upon meeting Mr. Chun for just a short period of time, you will know that he is someone who is intelligent, thoughtful, likable and capable of handling the tough situations that are sure to come his way. Serving on the Board of Education will not be the first time he will serve on a board that has to answer hard questions.

Honestly, he couldn't be a more perfect candidate. Education is something important to every parent. It warms my heart to know that he will be looking out for my child's education while having the support of his wife. Joyce Chun is an educator that is an impressive individual in her own right. They and their two very successful children are all graduates of the Hawaii public education system. I strongly support Mr. Chun's nomination to become a part of the Board of Education.

Sincerely,
Linda N. Monden

February 6, 2014

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

Re: GM506 and GM507

Dear Senator Tokuda,

Aloha! I am writing in support of Mr. Grant Chun's nomination to the Board of Education. As an educator for over 10 years, I was thrilled to hear of Mr. Chun's nomination. I have known Mr. Chun personally and professionally for over 20 years and can attest to his qualifications and character that make him an exceptional choice as a Board of Education member. Above all, Mr. Chun is thoughtful, intelligent, and compassionate which will serve as an asset to the board. He has vast experience as a student and parent associated with the Department of Education and is active in the community and state to understand the needs and keep moving the department forward.

Mr. Chun is a successful student of the public school system of Hawaii. He is also a parent of two valedictorian graduates of H.P. Baldwin High School and his wife is an educator as well. It is safe to assume that Mr. Chun values and believes in the quality of education of the schools in Hawaii; meaning that he is vested in the success of the system. He has seen schools grow throughout the years and understands that change is inevitable. In order for smart changes to happen, Mr. Chun has the ability to be thoughtful about the direction of education and how it should evolve to meet new standards. As a student, parent, and spouse, Mr. Chun will bring a well-rounded perspective to the board.

Mr. Chun has served on many community and state boards and has held different leadership positions. Among one of these was being Managing Director for the County of Maui. Under Mr. Chun's leadership, Maui County thrived economically and grew into a county that fit the community's needs and wants. Mr. Chun was able to listen to the citizens and made decisions that moved Maui County forward.

I strongly and enthusiastically support Mr. Chun's nomination as a member for the Board of Education. He will bring the knowledge, intelligence, compassion, and insightfulness that will be an asset to the Department of Education.

With Warm Regards,

Kari M Luna Nunokawa, Ed.D.

January 25, 2014

Noel Kuraya
Band director, Iao Middle School, retired
371 W. Hawaii St.
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RE: Mr. Grant Chun's Nomination to the State Board of Education

Mr. Kuraya:

As band director of the Iao Middle School for 20 years now retired, it was with great pleasure that I learned of Mr. Grant Chun being nominated for the State Board of Education by Governor Neil Abercrombie. As a member (2004-2009) and president (2008-2009) of our band booster board, Mr. Chun not only led in facilitating activities and fundraising, but tirelessly participated in a hands-on way working with administration, parents, and students alike. Additionally, I was privileged to have him accompany the band on 2 band trips and numerous over-night outings to which his congeniality and wisdom were welcomed and experienced by all.

Such intimate knowledge of students and the educational process, I feel, should serve Mr. Chun well should he be given the chance to serve the state on the Board of Education.

As one who has served the community for many years as an educator, I most strongly support the nomination of Mr. Grant Chun to the Board of Education. Certainly all can benefit from his wealth of knowledge, expertise, and compassion for the people and processes that constitute our state educational system.

Yours truly,

Noel Kuraya
Band director, Iao Middle School, retired

From: [Yuki Iei Sugimura](#)
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Subject: GM 506 and GM 507, Confirmation of Grant Chun
Date: Thursday, February 06, 2014 10:14:56 PM

Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani and members of the Senate Education Committee:

Grant Chun is being nominated for the Board of Education by Governor Abercrombie. Grant is an excellent choice for many reasons:

Grant has two children that went through the DOE system, graduated with honors, he knows the system works!

Grant is by education and profession is an attorney and will easily muddle through the words and documents and be able to understand what is needed to help the DOE.

Grant is smart and patient. So he will be able to work with other board members, parents and students.

Grant is well known in Maui County through his work with A&B Properties and the community!

Grant is very organized and although he has a very demanding job, he will find the time to prepare for the work he has ahead as a member of the Board of Education.

Grant will work hard and do his best for the children of Hawaii today and for the future!

Thank you.

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February 7, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813
and Members of the Senate

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Senate,

I am writing to you as a personal friend of Mr. Grant Chun who is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Board of Education. I have known Mr. Chun for over 13 years and support his nomination for the position. Over the years he has shown me to be a person of high integrity and moral character.

I have served on the Iao School Band Booster Board and the Baldwin High School Project Graduation Committee both of which were headed by Mr. Chun. He has proven to be very organized and has a strong desire to serve the children. He is a great motivator and makes any project a fun and fulfilling experience.

I feel the Department of Education and the State would benefit from the appointment of Mr. Grant Chun to this position. If you have any questions, please call me at 808-242-1401.

Sincerely,

Leona Kushi
38 Moolu St.
Wailuku HI 96793



February 7, 2014

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Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
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Re: **Mr. Grant Chun's Nomination to the Board of Education (GM506 and GM507)**

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am pleased to write on behalf of Grant Chun and his nomination to serve on the Board of Education. I have known Grant for over 10 years from all of the help that he has provided to A Keiki's Dream Program (AKD) and Sammy's Keiki Aloha Fund (SKAF). Our programs are part of Fun Day Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization on Maui that offers hope and support for children in Maui County who face a major crisis - catastrophic medical condition, severe abuse, homelessness, serious dysfunction, etc. We offer them a "child directed" dream come true at that critical time through **A Keiki's Dream Program (AKD)** and we financially support the families of children with major medical conditions when they must be treated off island with **Sammy's Keiki Aloha Fund (SKAF)**.

Grant's leadership on our Board of Directors has helped to bring our organization and programs from providing small and under the radar activities to grow to become one of the major children programs on Maui. As President of our Board of Director for several years, he helped to revitalize, recruit and develop a focus for our Board of Directors in leading the way to become a bigger and better resource for many of the neediest children in our community. Subsequently, he took over our Fundraising Committee and helped to stabilize funding for our organization that almost exclusively depends on private philanthropy to survive and move forward.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Grant's passion for our mission and for children. The business side of his assistance has been invaluable but his personable dedication and aloha for the children we are honored to serve is what sets him apart. He cares about children and he cares about all of the children in our community. The Board of Education will be better off and more child centered with Grant Chun onboard.



Galen Nakamura
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Yuki Lei Sugimura
Ashley Takitani
Leslie Wilkins
Saedene Yee-Ota

Darby Gill
Executive Director

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Grant Chun. I am happy to provide more information or answer any questions if requested.

Sincerely,

Darby Gill
Founder and Executive Director

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GM506

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Comments: Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Education: Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of GM 506, confirming Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN to the Board of Education for a term to expire 6-30-2014. In my opinion, Mr. Chun (Grant) will be a valuable addition to the Board of Education. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to public education by entrusting the learning experience of both of his children to the public school system. He himself is a product of the public school system here on Maui which has helped him to develop into the highly intelligent and educated person he is today. In my opinion, those who have experienced the public education system personally and through their children are in the best possible position to promote the continuity of all that is good in the system while striving to improve the system as it moves forward. Throughout the nearly 30 years I have known Grant, he has exhibited an extremely strong commitment to giving back to our Community through volunteerism and this has me convinced that he will be a dedicated, reliable, contributing member of the BOE. Grant is a strong leader in our Community. One who exhibits a great deal of integrity in all of his dealings. He is exactly the type of person that I feel should be helping us to form the policies and guide the direction of our public education system. He is a great role model for children to follow and they type of adult that I hope my children will strive to be like. Grant is extremely well liked, he is a very reasonable, congenial person who has a very kind heart and pleasant demeanor. He is the type of person that helps to bring harmony and stability to those around him and can be counted on to help to bring balance and reason to contentious situations. He is thorough in his evaluation of issues and analysis but is not slow moving or the type of person who has difficulty making a decision after having carefully weighing the relevant factors. I feel the Governor has made an excellent nomination in GRANT CHUN and I respectfully urge you to confirm his position on the Board of Education. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Richelle Lu

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Marilyn Ann Vierra

Hearing notice: GM506, GM507

February 8, 2014

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate:

I am writing in support of the nomination by Governor Abercrombie of Mr. Grant Y. M. Chun to the Hawaii State Board of Education. I was a certified public school teacher at H. P. Baldwin High School from 2009 to 2013, in addition to being the parent of four graduates of the schools in the Baldwin Complex. I have known Mr. Chun for over ten years as a fellow parent in support various fundraising and booster activities at Wailuku Elementary School and Iao Intermediate School. We also held leadership roles in H. P. Baldwin High School Project Graduation from 2010 until 2013. Mr. Chun and I were motivated to become involved in these activities because we were parents of students at these schools, but I also came to know him as an avid proponent of public education in Hawaii who brings his sharp intellect and vast experience to bear in every endeavor. Mr. Chun is a product of the Hawaii public school system, and, like me, credits it with much of the success of his children. He spared little effort to support the schools his children attended and remains committed to their value beyond his tenure as a parent.

In the work we did for H.P. Baldwin Project Graduation, Mr. Chun led the fundraising and event planning aspects of the organization, while I managed grant funding and led the board of directors. His leadership style capitalizes clear, honest communication, thorough timelines, and continual focus on an overarching goal. He deftly compounds relationships across the community spectrum for the most inclusive collaborations that I have experienced in my long and varied career in the non-profit and public education sectors in Hawaii.

Mr. Chun's extensive experiences as Managing Director for Maui County, and as Vice president for A&B Properties, as well as his deep and ongoing connections to the school community of the H.P. Baldwin High School Complex, make him an ideal candidate for the Hawaii State Board of Education at this challenging time for public education in the United States. As much of the fundamental nature of classroom teaching and learning is undergoing reconsideration for the benefit of all learners, Mr. Chun's leadership skills, in combination with his knowledge of the diverse nature of a Hawaii school community, will enhance the effectiveness of the Board. I support Mr. Chun for a position on the Board with enthusiasm.

Aloha nui loa,
Marilyn Ann Vierra

February 8, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capital, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 506 and GM 507
Supporting Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee
Grant Y.M. Chun to the Board of Education

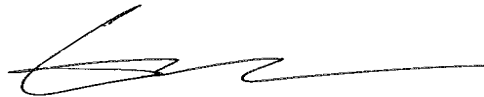
Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is my privilege and honor to strongly support and recommend confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Grant Y.M. Chun to the Board of Education.

I have lived and practiced law on Maui for over 30 years and I have appeared in courts across the state, from Hanalei to Hamakua. I have known Mr. Chun professionally and personally for over 25 years. As a practicing lawyer, Grant quickly commanded the facts and indentified the key issues, found creative solutions to complex problems and was reasonable and fair. As Managing Director, he worked tirelessly to serve the people of Maui, ably managing a \$500 million budget and capably leading numerous departments and thousands of employees. As a Boy Scout leader, he set an outstanding example for our youth and strived to instill character, personal responsibility, conscientiousness and compassion for all. As a concerned and involved parent, Grant knows firsthand the challenges faced by administrators, teachers and students in our public schools. As a hardworking team player with a keen intellect, commitment, integrity, fairness, and an ability to inspire those around him, Grant would be an outstanding contributor to the Board of Education, and I strongly urge prompt confirmation of Grant Chun to the Board of Education.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



William M. McKeon
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February 6, 2014

The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Grant Chun's BOE Confirmation
GM506 and GM507

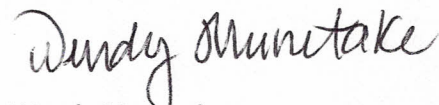
Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing to support the Governor's nomination of Grant Chun to the Board of Education. I have known Grant personally and professionally for the past 16 years and strongly believe that with his legal, business, and government background, he will be of tremendous value in supporting the goals and mission of the Board of Education.

Grant is highly respected in our community and has a well-rounded perspective having served on numerous boards that support the youth, education, underprivileged, healthcare, arts, history, and culture. He is connected with the needs of our community and seeks to understand the issues and concerns at all socioeconomic levels. Grant is always eager to get involved in important issues and he is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and do the work necessary to get the job done.

Grant's political background, having served as the Managing Director for the County of Maui, combined with his management experience with A&B Properties, and over two decades of experience serving the community makes him well qualified to serve on the Board of Education. Grant has built strong professional relationships with many influential members in both the public and private sectors of our community. He understands the structure, functions, and dynamics of serving on the board and will, no doubt, add great value to the Board of Education.

Very truly yours,



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February 10, 2014

VIA: FACSIMILE (808)587-7220

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

Re: Nomination of Grant Chun to Board of Education
GM506 and GM507

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing in support of Grant Chun to the Board of Education. I have known Grant for approximately eight years. Grant's daughter and my son are classmates and good friends.

I have served with Grant on several committees dating back to when our children were in middle school. Grant readily took on leadership roles in band boosters and fundraising. It was always a pleasure to work with him as he is a very honest, open and approachable individual. Grant chaired the Baldwin High School Project Graduation 2013 which proved extremely successful. Student participation was higher than in recent years. We worked together on fundraising for that event and I was always impressed with his ability to delegate and yet be involved in every aspect of the project. As evidenced in his resume, Grant serves on numerous boards and committees. He is able to work with anyone and adapts well to different situations. I believe this will serve him well as a Board of Education member.

Grant and his wife Joyce are proud parents to a son and daughter. Alex and Katherine were very involved in school activities and also took on leadership roles themselves. As parents, Grant and Joyce are well aware of the problems and issues that the Board of Education face in these times. Grant will bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to the board. I ask that you confirm his nomination. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



RUTH I. N. MURATA

February 12, 2014



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Senator Jill Tokuda
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Dear Senator Tokuda:

Subject: Mr. Grant Chun's Nomination to the Board of Education
GM506 and GM 507

I am writing to you in support of Mr. Grant Chun's nomination to the Board of Education by Governor Abercrombie. I have known Mr. Chun for more than 15 years and have served on several committees and boards with him. Most recently, we served on the 2013 Baldwin High School Project Graduation Steering Committee, where Mr. Chun was the Chairman.

Mr. Chun has a proven track record of success, having served on many boards and committees. He has demonstrated strong leadership, fairness, is well-rounded, and most importantly, is willing to serve the public. With these traits, he is widely respected in our community.

I strongly support Mr. Chun's nomination to the Board of Education and am very confident that he will be an asset to the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy A. Otomo". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stacy A. Otomo, P.E.
President

February 19, 2014, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 414

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

From: Jan A. Kobayashi

Re: GM 506 & GM 507 Nomination and Confirmation of Grant Chun to the Board of Education

In Support

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

I support GM 506 & GM 507 and the nomination of Mr. Chun to the Board of Education. I have known Mr. Chun for over 30 years. He has very broad experience in the public and private sectors and a very long history of community and public service. Mr. Chun has always been honest and straightforward in all of his dealings, and he possesses the highest integrity.

He and both of his children are successful products of the public school system in Hawaii, so he is very well aware of the successes, as well as the issues of the public education system in Hawaii. Mr. Chun will bring a fresh and knowledgeable perspective to the Board of Education. We need him and his expertise on the Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Keith & Joan Tsuji

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February 12, 2014

The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
And Members of the Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: **GM506 and GM507**
Support for Grant Y.M. Chun for BOE

Dear Senators:

We are happy to write on behalf of our friend, Grant Y. M. Chun, to support his confirmation to the State Board of Education. We have known Grant for over 18 years and were fortunate to have him as our son's Cub and Boy Scout Troop Leader spanning twelve years with Troop 40. The Scouts were from three different high schools and through Grant's leadership and encouragement, saw that all Scouts obtained their Eagle Scout rank. Five of them graduated from public school and all eight Scouts are now in college. Grant has been an important role model not only to our young men, but to us parents as well.

Grant always had such a special way of encouraging us to join him in various community service projects, even beyond our Scouting days. He had a knack of bringing people from all walks of life to work together as a team to get a job done.

We strongly support Grant Y.M. Chun to the position with the Board of Education based upon his first-hand knowledge and experience with the public school system, his exceptional leadership and business management skills and his devotion to serve our community. Our boys have benefited from his leadership with Scouting and public school projects and it's time to share him on a State level to ensure that future students benefit from his involvement with the Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Keith Tsuji

Joan Tsuji

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FEBRUARY 11, 2014

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

Subject: GM 506 and GM 507 in Support of Grant Y.M. Chun

Dear Senator Tokuda,

I am pleased to provide my support for the nomination of Grant Y. M. Chun to the Board of Education. As a person who was born and raised in Hawaii and a product of the public school system, I am proud of the education system that helped me attain my goals and dreams. Both my daughters are in the public schools and I am concerned now more than ever about the quality of the education afforded to the children. I strongly believe that Grant Chun will have the best interests of the students in mind as he takes on this enormous responsibility. His resume is outstanding but equally as impressive is his ability to thoughtfully and calmly analyze different opinions and create agreement and consensus. He is grounded in his roots as another product of the public schools and I feel that this will give the Board a voice of those who have the most at stake in having an excellent DOE.

Warm regards,

Earl Hasegawa, DDS, MS

February 19, 2014, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 414

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

From: Junie Hayashi

Re: GM 506 and GM 507 Nomination and Confirmation of Grant Chun to the Board of Education

In Support of Confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee Grant Chun

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

I strongly support GM 506 and 507 confirming Grant Chun to the Board of Education. I have known Mr. Chun for almost 30 years. During that time, Mr. Chun gained expertise in both the private and public sector, serving in various leadership roles in both Maui and state-wide communities. Mr. Chun has always acted with compassion and integrity in all of his endeavors and is widely respected by his peers and colleagues.

As a successful product of the public school system, Mr. Chun brings his much needed commitment to excellence and dedication to public service to the Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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February 15, 2014

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

Re: **Governor's Message 506 and 507 (Grant Chun)**

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I wish to voice my strong support of the nomination of Grant Ghun to the State Board of Education. I have known Grant for more than 25 years, and over that time he has served as a volunteer on numerous public and non-profit boards and organizations that improve our community, and also worked professionally in public service.

His demonstrated commitment to community service and betterment of the public welfare throughout these many years has been ongoing and passionate, and I strongly believe he will continue to provide this same level of passion, commitment, and dedication as a member of the State Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,



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February 16, 2014

Hon. Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Hawai`i State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: Governor's Message 506 and 507 (Grant Chun)

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I'm writing to support the nomination of Grant Chun to the State Board of Education. I met Grant 35 years ago, when we both attended the University of Southern California. Grant's knowledge and experience in law, county government, nonprofit management, and business will greatly contribute to the State Board of Education.

Grant Chun understands public education. He is the product of the public education system in Hawai`i. Two of his children are outstanding graduates of Baldwin High School, and now attend the University of Washington. Grant's wife is the registrar at Baldwin High School and his mother is a retired elementary school teacher. Grant understands the strengths and weaknesses of the public education system and will not be afraid to support what works and speak out to address deficiencies.

Grant Chun set an exemplary example of parental participation in our public schools. Grant has always assumed leadership roles throughout his children's education. Whether serving on the high school band booster club, assisting the PTSA, leading a boy scout troop, and chairing project graduation, Mr. Chun has demonstrated through his actions his support of Hawai`i's children and educators. Grant knows what the D.O.E. can do to encourage and maintain parent participation in our public schools.

Grant Chun is willing to serve in a meaningful way. Based on past experiences, Grant will immerse himself into an organization, learn from others, build working relationships based on trust and respect, and make changes to improve the organization. He will do his homework, obtain perspectives outside the board room, and actively contribute to board discussions.

Based on Grant Chun's background and work experience, his working knowledge of the public education system, and willingness to serve, I wholeheartedly support his nomination to the State Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Nadine K. Nakamura

February 19, 2014, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 414

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

From: Richard A. Yanagi and Li-Ann Yamashiro

Re: GM 506 & GM 507 Nomination and Confirmation of Grant Chun to the Board of Education

In Support

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

We support GM 506 & GM 507 and the nomination of Mr. Chun to the Board of Education. Li-Ann has known Grant since grade school and Richard ('85) and Li-Ann ('87) attended Hastings College of the Law at the same time as Grant. Grant is of the utmost character.

In addition to his work as an attorney at Carlsmith Ball, Managing Director of the County of Maui, and Vice President of A & B Properties, he has served the community in many capacities. Most notably, he has served on the Chancellor's Advisory Council for the University of Hawaii, Maui College, has been on the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, and has been on the Board of Directors for H.P. Baldwin High School Project Graduation Foundation.

Grant was active with school events while his two children attended public school. He is aware of the benefits and challenges of the public school system and with his experience and knowledge, he would be an asset to the Board of Education.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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February 17, 2014

**Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

RE: Grant Chun nomination to Board of Education (GM506 and GM507)

Dear Senator Tokuda,

I am submitting testimony on behalf of Grant Chun for his confirmation to the Board of Education.

I have known Grant Chun for over 20 years. Our families got to know each other through our involvement at church and the Boy Scouts program and our children attended Iao Intermediate School and Baldwin High School. Grant was a Scout Leader at our church, served on the church board with my husband, and we both served on the Iao Intermediate School Renaissance Board together.

Through the years, I have had an opportunity to observe Grant in various situations because of his extensive involvement in numerous non-profit organizations and community activities. He has always had a professional demeanor, been respectful and appreciative of various and varying opinions, has led many organizations, and has supported others who lead.

His role as the Managing Director of Maui County has given him a view of the many issues specific to Maui County. Along with his community service involvement, he knows the concerns of the community and is committed to contributing his time and energy to making Maui County an exceptional place to live.

Being a role model to his son and daughter also gives him the perspective of parenting and educational issues. He has been on the parent end of issues and has supported students and teachers via his involvement in the Renaissance program at Iao School and Project Graduation.

I believe Grant Chun has the knowledge, experience and skills to be a contributor to the Board of Education and encourage the Senate to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay S. Fukumoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Kay S. Fukumoto
Chief Financial Officer

February 12, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Department
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Grant Chun Nomination (GM506 & GM507)

Dear Senator Tokuda,

I am writing on behalf of Grant Chun, a nominee for the Board of Education. I have known Grant for approximately 18 years as a friend, fellow parent at various schools and an active member of our community.

Throughout the years, Grant has served on numerous boards and his list of community service involvement is extensive. This is a testament to his deep commitment to Maui and the community. Grant is the type of individual that everyone wants to have on their board or committee. He not only brings a wealth of his professional knowledge and background, but his skills as a leader and work ethic. He is not afraid to get his hands dirty and do whatever it takes to get the job done right! He is also down to earth, approachable and a caring guy. He is often the first to offer assistance.

Last year, I had the opportunity to work on the 2013 Baldwin High School, Project Graduation Committee of which Grant was the chairperson. It was through this experience that I learned firsthand why he is so respected by others. Grant is a team player and continuously provided the support and guidance needed to oversee the numerous sub-committees for Project Graduation. Needless to say, the event was a huge success with the highest number of attendees.

Grant Chun would be an outstanding addition to the Board of Education. He would represent the people of Maui well. As a parent of two public school graduates, he is very aware of the issues concerning education in Hawaii. In addition, his experiences and leadership on numerous boards would be an asset.

Sincerely,

Nadine Gushi-Lo, M.Ed.



February 18, 2014

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

RE: Mr. Grant Chun's Nomination to the Board of Education

Honorable Jill Tokuda:

I have had the honor and privilege to have served with Mr. Chun on various non-profit boards and have grown to know him over a period of 15 years. His resumé speaks volumes and is obviously qualified for this very important position. What makes Mr. Chun uniquely qualified is his commitment and belief that our government can and should make a significant difference in a person's life through education. This belief, has been demonstrated through his children who grew up with in the public education system and his constant volunteering as a devoted parent.

As a colleague, I have always admired Mr. Chun's calm and rational leadership skills. He has an amazing ability to organize and delegate tasks in a very collaborative fashion. Mr. Chun has consistently proven to be a respected leader and a "doer."

I strongly support Mr. Chun's nomination to the Board of Education. His experience in managing large organizations coupled with his sincere commitment to better our education system so that all *keiki* have an opportunity to succeed, will be an incredible service to our State.

Sincerely,

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

February 18, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
415 S. Beretania Street
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Hearing: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 1:15PM; Conference Room 414

Re: GM506 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

GM507 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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

I am writing to express my fullest support of the confirmation of Mr. Grant Chun to the Board of Education.

Grant has been a valued employee for over a decade and while his development, civil service, and legal careers impressively spanned almost thirty years, what I find most remarkable is his heartfelt commitment to the Maui community. While balancing demanding careers and family obligations, Grant has devoted thousands of hours to dozens of charitable organizations over the years. From sitting on state and county executive boards to cooking chow fun at local fairs, Grant's commitment to community is significant and tireless.

Grant's strong moral compass, strategic thinking and collaborative work style will be assets to the Board of Education, as will his personal familiarity with our state's public education system. Grant is a product of the Hawaii public school system and his wife is in her 23rd year of teaching at Baldwin High School. I have known Grant for over twenty years – he is deeply devoted to the causes that he serves, and I have no doubt that he will be a valuable and active contributor to the Board of Education.

On behalf of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. and our family of companies statewide, thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Chun's appointment.

Sincerely,

Stanley M. Kuriyama

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February 15, 2014

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

RE: Mr. Grant Y.M. Chun's Nomination to the Board of Education (GM506 and GM507)

Honorable Senator Tokuda:

I was recently made aware of the nomination of Mr. Grant Y. M. Chun to the Board of Education. I commend the Governor for this nomination. I am writing as a personal friend and professional colleague of Mr. Chun. I have known Mr. Chun for over 35 years having first met him through public high school extracurricular activities. Subsequently, after both having left Maui, graduating from college and returning to make Maui our permanent home, we reconnected through community activities. I also worked with him on a professional level at the County of Maui for four years. Most recently, I have also had the pleasure to serve with Mr. Chun on the Board of Directors for the Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. for the past three years. In all of these experiences I have had with Mr. Chun, he has demonstrated qualities and skills that will be of benefit and are relevant in his serving on the Board of Education effectively.

As in high school, Mr. Chun is very committed to serving his community and helping others as reflective of his current, extensive community service activities of present day: Alexander & Baldwin Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, Maui Chinese Cultural Society, Maui Economic Development Board, Maui Young Business Round Table and UH Maui College Chancellor's Advisory Council, among others. Further, he is also extremely familiar with the public school system here in Hawaii, and not only as a student, but also as a parent of children that attended public school.

Based on my personal and professional experiences with Mr. Chun, I firmly believe that he will make an excellent member for the Board of Education not only because of his professional accomplishments and leadership roles in our community, but most importantly because of his spirit of service, dedication and integrity. For these reasons and especially at this time with so many challenges facing our Hawaii public education system, I strongly support Mr. Chun's nomination to the Board of Education and respectfully ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Agnes M. Hayashi

February 19, 2014

**TO: The Honorable JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair
The Honorable MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Education**

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

TIME: 1:15 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 414

FROM: WESLEY LO

**SUBJECT: Testimony Regarding GM 506 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.
Testimony Regarding GM 507 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, GRANT CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-201**

I am writing in support of Mr. Grant Chun's nomination to the Board of Education

As one of the original, "appointed" Board of Education Members, I have had the honor of serving on the Board of Education under its current structure

Based on this experience, I cannot think of a better representative for the Board of Education for Maui other than Mr. Chun. What it takes to be an effective member on the Board of Education is intelligence, experience, and a passion for Education

I have worked with Grant for many years, in his capacity as a real estate attorney at Carlsmith, as Managing Director for the County of Maui and in his role as the Vice President for A&B Properties

In addition, I have been involved with Grant in many, many civic not for profits, including serving with him at Maui Economic Development Board (which is a very strong supporter of the DOE), and as a Board member of Maui Memorial Medical Center.

Grant's experience in Government, and not for profit activities, as well as his private sector activities makes him uniquely qualified for the Board of Education

In addition, Grant has been extremely active in the Public Schools on Maui. As you may know Grant is a graduate from Maui High, and his two children have graduated from Baldwin High. In addition, Grant's wife Joyce is a registrar at Baldwin High School.

You could not ask for a better skill set and background for this

I urge the committee to approve Mr. Chun's nomination

February 18, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani
Vice Chair, Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 414
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: The Nomination of Grant Y.M. Chun to the Board of Education

Dear Senators Tokuda and Kidani:

I am pleased to write a letter on behalf of a very good friend and supporter of many good community organizations, Mr. Grant Y.M. Chun.

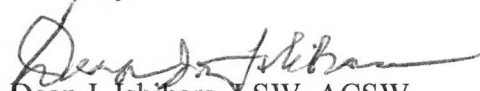
First, I have known Mr. Chun since 1999 when our sons were involved in the Boy Scouts of America programs with the Maui County Council. At that time, he was the primary leader of a very large group of elementary aged boys. Within the next two years, he convinced me to become an assistant in working with the boys. We continued our leadership and guidance responsibilities until nine boys from our original group attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to this hands-on responsibility, Mr. Chun was actively involved in the extra-curricular activities of his children who attended public schools in Wailuku, Maui. He was an active supporter and leader for the Iao School band supporters and later assumed duties of planning and leading parent volunteers for the H.P. Baldwin High School.

Despite his important work with the County of Maui and A&B Properties, he continued to find the time to support many community organizations such as A Keiki's Dream, Boy Scouts of America, Chinese Cultural Society, Hawaii Health Systems, Maui Family YMCA, Maui Memorial Medical Center Foundation, and more.

He is highly qualified and more importantly, committed to supporting and guiding the public educational system in Hawaii. It is my honor and privilege to write this letter in support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Chun to the Board of Education with expiring terms of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2017.

Sincerely,



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Re: Nominee: Grant Chun – Confirmation to the Board of Education

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda, Senator Michelle Kidani and Members of the Committee:

I am honored to recommend Grant Chun to the Board of Education. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Mr. Chun for the past 8 years on a non-profit board - A Keiki's Dream.

He is a proven leader, not only in his profession but within the community as well. From supporting the Boys Scouts of America to volunteering his time as Board of Director Hawaii Health Systems, his sincere commitment to building a stronger community is prevalent.

Professionally accomplished and civic minded, indeed, but perhaps the most important aspect of Mr. Chun is his character. In all of his circles, he is highly respected for his integrity and intelligence. He is level headed, rational and disciplined leader. I truly believe that our State will benefit from his expertise and belief in the public school system.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Ota
President

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