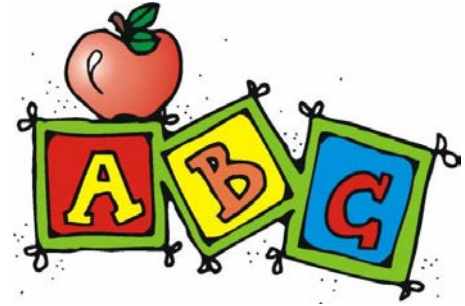


GM530



Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Education Commission of the States, Gubernatorial Nominee, JN MUSTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Report Title: Education Commission of the States

Current Referral: EDU



GOV. MSG. NO. 530

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

February 7, 2014

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 Hawaii State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Education Commission of the States**:

EDUCATION
COMMISSION OF
THE STATES

TERM TO EXPIRE

JN Musto

6/30/2018

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii



April 3, 2014

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination to the Education Commission of the States

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am honored that Governor Neil Abercrombie has submitted my name for re-appointment as one of the seven Commissioners to the Education Commission of the States (ECS) from our state, and it is certainly a privilege to sit on the Commission with you.

The following are my responses to your questions.

(1) Why did you decide to reapply to serve on the ECS?

When the Governor's Office asked whether I would consider continuing on the ECS, I did not hesitate in saying yes. I have found the Commission's meetings and seminars to be extraordinarily informative and interesting. The subjects covered the spectrum of educational issues from pre-Kindergarten to post-secondary education. The Commission is a very valuable clearinghouse of information on a wide variety of topics related to both public and private education. In addition, the Commission sponsors special studies and research projects that are shaping the agenda for public education, especially in primary and secondary schools. Volunteering my time for ECS is a worthwhile endeavor, and it is my hope that I can bring the value of the ECS back to my professional work with the University of Hawaii, the work of the state P-20 Commission, and to the public-at-large.

(2) How do you see the ECS supporting the development and improvement of Hawaii's P-20 educational system?

Since the Governors of the various states are themselves Commissioners, the ECS provides the opportunity for states, through their Commissions, to share in a discussion of national educational priorities. It is also a place where we can observe

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the various approaches being taken across the U.S. and evaluate the achievements while learning from their individual efforts. The ECS provides a unique platform to hear, discuss, and debate matters of educational policy across political lines. This national conversation, sharing of information, and examination of best practices provides Hawaii with the rational basis to approach and implement improvements and changes in our statewide educational programs P through 20.

- (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of an ECS commissioner, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, experiences, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the ECS. Highlight the three qualities you feel make you a highly qualified candidate.*

I have both the academic qualifications and the experience to be a contributing Commissioner. This includes my more than three decades as the Executive Director of UHPA, my academic background in the fields of law and education, and my work experience in both public secondary and higher education as a teacher and professor. I have a working knowledge of the issues facing education in the U.S., and I have participated in finding solutions to the problems we face in Hawaii with respect to public education P-20.

- (4) Please identify one short- and one long-term goal you would have as an ECS member and how you would accomplish these during your term of office.*

In the short term, I would like to see regularly established meetings in Hawaii of the seven Commissioners, including the Governor. I would advocate for one such meeting to be held prior to the fall of each year and after the ECS summer conference. The purpose of the meeting would be to review the topics and information the Commissioners received at the ECS conference measured against the issues and public policy questions at all levels—not just K-12—that are currently important to Hawaii. The preferred outcome would be to find a consensus over those specific topics the Commissioners could focus on in the coming year, which may not be all the issues that either the Governor or the DOE or the University of Hawaii have as priorities. However, from the standpoint of the State, it would be those matters that could be assisted through the use of ECS resources and the Commissioners acting in unison. I would work diligently to help organize and facilitate such meetings and gain the support of all the other Commissioners for such an effort.

In the long term, I would hope that Hawaii could become a more active participant in helping to formulate national public policy, using the ECS as its platform. Because of our uniqueness as a state, I believe we can be a model for public education



reform—and by reform I don't necessarily mean reinventing public education but perhaps leading our nation back to what made public education in America unique in the world.

(5) How can Hawaii maximize its involvement and participation in ECS?

I have proposed a more extensive use of our ECS Commissioners in the review of State public policy in education, sought to have Commissioners involved in the presentation of both the problems and possible solutions to the public-at-large through a new emphasis in our state on the ECS, and promoted the use of the expertise of Commissioners in advocating for change in our state policies and approaches at every level of publically supported education. The Commissioners, speaking with a unified voice, could provide the people of Hawaii with a road map that would lead to an overall more comprehensive set of alternatives and solutions. The Commissioners should be known for their work, and the ECS provides us with resources we need to be true educational leaders.

(6) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the ECS? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

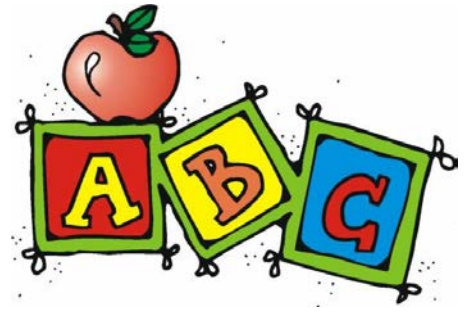
I do not see any potential conflicts of interests between my appointment as an ECS Commissioner and my role as the Executive Director of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.N. Musto".

J.N. Musto, Ph.D.
Executive Director

GM530



TESTIMONY



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Senate Committee on Education

April 9, 2014
1:15 p.m.
Conf Room 414

Via: EDUtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

I am writing in strong support of JN Musto's reappointment to the Education Commission of the States (ECS).

JN has a strong and passionate commitment to improving public education. He is also someone who is always seeking to expand his understanding of the issues and the research conducted into the issues and solutions. ECS has been a great resource for national reports that can inform our work in Hawaii. He is a great advocate for the Hawai'i Commissioners being active participants in ECS, exhorting us to make better use of the resources of the ECS, and encouraging the Commissioners to work together to utilize the information and resources of ECS to better our school system.

As one of the seven Commissioners, I support continuing to have JN as a colleague on the ECS. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Matayoshi", written over a white background.

Kathryn S. Matayoshi
Superintendent



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
April 9, 2014 at 1:15pm
by
David Lassner
Interim President
University of Hawai'i System

GM 530 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, J.N. MUSTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018

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

I am pleased to strongly support GM 530, the Governor's reappointment of Dr. J.N. Musto to the Education Commission of the States (ECS). As Executive Director of the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly (UHPA), Dr. Musto has been an important partner in the University's mission to advance the educational capacity and capability of the entire State of Hawai'i. Over his long and distinguished career he has developed and demonstrated a deep understanding of and commitment to education in Hawai'i.

The ECS is an excellent resource for policy trends, academic research, and as a forum for states to share information across political and governance lines. I know that Dr. Musto has brought back to Hawai'i the information and insights disseminated via ECS workshops, seminars, and research projects on public education policy and priorities. And his particular expertise in collective bargaining, public employment, and labor relations will no doubt continue to serve as an invaluable resource to the ECS and its members.

Dr. Musto has indicated his willingness and interest to continue to serve, and I believe he will continue to be a worthy representative for Hawai'i. I strongly support this appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 530.



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The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Education

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
April 9, 2014

G.M. 530 – Submitting for Consideration and
Confirmation to the Education Commission of
the States, Gubernatorial Nominee, J.N. Musto

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the nomination and reappointment of Dr. J.N. Musto to the Education Commission of the States.

Dr. Musto's educational background – Masters Degree and PhD in Biology from the University of Michigan – and employment history with a focus on education, combined with his many professional accomplishments, make him an ideal reappointment to the Education Commission of the States. As the current Executive Director for the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, the public sector union that represents the faculty of the community colleges, undergraduate, graduate and professional schools in the statewide university system, Dr. Musto has represented his membership for over 30 years with diligence and reverence. He is well respected among his peers and is passionate about educational advancement.

The mission of the Education Commission for the States is to assist states in developing effective policies and practices for public education by providing data, research, and analysis. The Commission also facilitates collaboration, the exchange of ideas among states and long-range strategic thinking. We are confident that Dr. Musto will continue to excel as a Commissioner by contributing valuable input to the Commission on Hawai'i's educational policies, as well as by providing beneficial information to our state on national issues and trends.

It is our pleasure to offer our unequivocal support for the confirmation and reappointment of Dr. J.N. Musto to the Education Commission of the States.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014
April 9, 2014

Committee on Education

Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

Governor's Message 530 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Education Commission of the States, Gubernatorial Nominee, J.N. Musto.

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. The HFFA represents approximately 2,100 active-duty professional fire fighters throughout the State. HFFA strongly supports Governor's Message 530 nominating Dr. J.N. Musto for reappointment to the Education Commission of the States.

Dr. Musto's lifelong dedication to improving Hawaii's public education system is exemplary. He is a former educator and as one of Hawaii's premier labor leaders, he has represented the University of Hawaii faculty for the past 36 years. As Executive Director of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, he is innovative, engaged and committed to addressing the needs of Hawaii's educational system.

Dr. Musto is extremely qualified and HFFA strongly supports his nomination for reappointment to the Education Commission of the States.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
United States Department of Agriculture Cooperating

March 31, 2014

TO: Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair
Senate Education Committee

FROM: Glenn I. Teves
County Extension Agent
Molokai

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT - Reappointment of Dr. J.N. Musto
to the Education of the States

Aloha. My name is Glenn Teves and I have been a County Extension Agent with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources on the island of Molokai for the last 32 years.

I support the reappointment of Dr. J.N. Musto to the Education of the States. As one of seven commissioners representing Hawaii, Dr. Musto is highly qualified for this important position. He's well versed in many areas of education, having served as a college professor, and especially as the Executive Director of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) for over 30 years now.

I have worked with Dr. Musto as a member of the UHPA Board of Directors and the Executive Board, and also as a member of the Contract Negotiations Committee, and I value his insights and his vision for education in Hawaii. Governor Abercrombie has made an excellent choice in Dr. Musto's selection due to his unique combination of knowledge and skills, and his unflinching commitment to higher education in Hawaii. He's well versed in the issues related to education in Hawaii, and is also very knowledgeable about education on the national level as well.

The Commission is a very valuable clearinghouse of information on a wide variety of topics related to both public and private education, and provides a unique platform to hear, discuss, and debate matters of educational policy across political lines. In addition, the Commission sponsors special study and research projects that are shaping the agenda for public education. Dr. Musto will represent Hawaii well, and will be a strong educational advocate for Hawaii on the national level, and I highly recommend this reappointment. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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April 1, 2014

Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is my honor and pleasure to write in support of the Governor's nomination of Dr. JN Musto to the Education Commission of the States (ECS).

I first became impressed with Dr. Musto over 30 years ago when he appeared as the Executive Director for the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) when collective bargaining in Hawaii's public sector was just starting. He emerged on the screen as an eloquent, spirited, and exciting speaker with a magnetism difficult to resist.

Dr. Musto has served on the Board of Directors of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). He has been a trustee and chairman of the Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund. He has also served in numerous other service organizations, including the Aloha United Way, the Epilepsy Society, and Board of Directors of Hawaii Literacy, Inc. He has been the sparkplug in the Industrial Relations Research Association as a member of the Executive Board of the Hawaii Chapter.

In sum, Dr. Musto is a vital, energetic, and caring member of a variety of community organizations which, I believe, qualifies him for the appointment to the ECS. His wide and intense involvement and experience with diverse organizations make him the perfect appointment to the ECS. I have no doubt that he will serve with great distinction and provide the necessary leadership to carry forward the work of the ECS into the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input into the appointment of Dr. JN Musto, one of Hawaii's outstanding citizens, to the ECS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce M. Najita".

Joyce M. Najita
Director

Lieutenant General Francis J. Wiercinski
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The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capital, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2014

Re: Letter of Recommendation on Behalf of J.N. Musto, Ph.D.

Senator Tokuda:

I very respectfully submit this Letter of Recommendation on behalf of, J.N. Musto, Ph.D., and stand in ardent support of his reappointment to the Education Commission of the States (ECS).

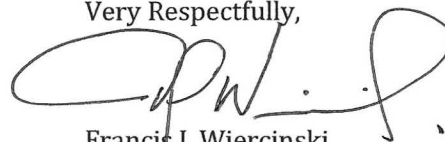
As an institution focused on policy trends, academic research, unbiased counsel and the creation of opportunities for state leaders to learn from one another on best practices in the advancement of education, the ECS provides Hawai'i a precious resource. In this regard, J.N. Musto, continues to be one of our most gifted representatives. His broad experience, in depth understanding of Hawai'i's unique educational environment, and, most importantly, his personal passion to ensure the best educational opportunities for our community are but a few of his numerous qualifications.

Having served for many years in Hawai'i, and having now selected Hawai'i as our permanent residence, my wife and I have had the opportunity to meet and work with outstanding educators throughout the state. I know of no other academic professional who embodies all of the characteristics required to be a commissioner from our state.

My greatest admiration of Dr. Musto stems from his natural leadership ability, impeccable character values, and his uncanny ability to apply common sense views and analysis toward the optimal outcome. He does this without prejudice, self-promotion, or pre-disposed conclusions – in short, he serves the best educational interests of Hawai'i.

I believe Dr. Musto is the best choice to represent our state once again as a commissioner to the ECS. His reappointment can only serve the best interest of Hawai'i, our educational future, and the future of our deserving students.

Very Respectfully,



Francis J. Wiercinski
Lieutenant General
U.S. Army, Retired

Personal Written Testimony
presented before the
Senate Committee on Education
Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 1:15 pm, Room 414
by
Donald B. Young

RE: GM 530 Nomination of J. N. Musto to the Education Commission of the States

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

My name is Donald Young. I am currently Dean of the College of Education at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Today I am providing personal testimony, not in my official capacity as Dean or representing the University of Hawai'i, in support of the nomination of Dr. J. N. Musto as Hawai'i commissioner to the Education Commission of the States (ECS).

I have known Dr. Musto for many years. He is an educational leader exceptionally knowledgeable of educational policy making. He has been engaged in shaping educational policy in Hawai'i for most of his career. He understands the importance of coherent policy in P-20 education and as such is an excellent choice as an ECS commissioner.

As you know, ECS tracks state policy trends, translates academic research, provides unbiased advice, and creates opportunities for state leaders to learn from one another. ECS is the only state-focused national organization to bring together governors, state legislators, K-12 and higher education department chiefs and other education leaders. Dr. Musto will represent Hawai'i well in such an organization precisely because he is knowledgeable about State P-20 policies and priorities, especially, of course, in higher education. He will be able to share what has and is working in our State. And because of the breadth and depth of his knowledge and his willingness to hear other perspectives, Dr. Musto understands that Hawai'i can learn from other states. He will be able to learn from others how Hawai'i might better address critical and persistent educational issues.

I fully support this nomination and urge your committee to confirm Dr. J. N. Musto as a Commissioner to the ECS.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Misty Dawn Carmichael
19-B W. Kawili Street
Hilo, HI 96720

March 30, 2014

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

Re: Confirmation Hearing of Dr. JN Musto
Hearing Date: April 9, 2014
Place: Conference Room 414
State Capitol | 415 South Beretania Street

POSITION: **IN SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is without reservation that I humbly request the reappointment of Dr. JN Musto to the Education Commission of the States.

With his direct access to educators and administrators across the state, Dr. Musto has an acute awareness of the types of studies and policy changes that ultimately contribute to action and progress. In particular, his open, ongoing dialogue with neighbor island Community College instructors allows him insight on the most remote public primary and secondary education in unique 20/20 hindsight.

I have no doubt that Dr. Musto's experienced voice on the Commission contributes an invaluable perspective on educational agenda unattainable from any other source in the state of Hawai'i. With his reappointment, I will take heart knowing the ECS will proceed having heard the voiced interests of both Big Island students and young, new educators such as myself.

Mahalo for your consideration and the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,
Misty Dawn Carmichael
English Instructor | Hawai'i Community College
(808) 934-2577

From: [Brent Sipes](#)
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for J.N. Musto Nomination to the Education Commission of the States
Date: Monday, March 31, 2014 7:33:09 AM

31 March 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairwoman
Committee on Education

**Support for Reappointment of J.N. Musto
to the
Education Commission of the States**

Honorable Senator Tokuda and members of the Committee on Education,

I strongly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Dr. J.N. Musto to the Education Commission of the States. Dr. Musto is extremely qualified to serve our state on the Commission.

Dr. Musto is attuned to the pulse of higher education in our state. He works closely with University of Hawaii administrators, university faculty and political leaders on all matters associated with and impacting higher education. He has a sharp mind and synthesizes trends. Dr. Musto is not afraid to speak his mind and share his insights.

Dr. Musto's reappointment to the Education Commission of the States will help to create opportunities for students, educators and policy makers here in Hawaii. Please consider his reappointment favorably.

Yours truly,

Brent Sipes. Ph.D.
1949 Naio St.
Honolulu, HI 96817

From: rowes001@hawaii.rr.com
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Subject: re: Dr. JN Musto
Date: Saturday, March 29, 2014 6:02:14 PM

Aloha Ms. Tokuda,

I would like to offer my strongest support for Dr. J.N. Musto's reappointment to the Education Commission of the States. Dr. Musto has served untiringly, for almost 40 years in this state, to promote quality higher education. His knowledge and expertise on matters of higher education and indeed more broadly on the needs of public education will undoubtedly be invaluable to the commission.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Me ke aloha,

sharon Rowe

From: [David Duffy](#)
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Cc: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#); [David Duffy](#)
Subject: JN Musto nomination hearing, April 9th at 1:15 pm
Date: Monday, March 31, 2014 11:35:24 AM

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Kailua, HI 96734

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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Committee on Education

April 9th at 1:15 pm

Conference Room 414.

Hearing on the Re-appointment of J. N. Musto to The Education Commission of the States

Dear Senators:

I would like to support the re-appointment of J.N. Musto to The Education Commission of the States (ECS). The commission is basically a hui of states to share information about P-16 education. It is an impartial and non-partisan source of information, without the agenda of many national groups, that Hawai'i needs as technology and the needs of our students change rapidly.

Musto is already familiar with the group and he adds an important perspective on post-secondary issues that is a resource both to ECS and to this state.

I have known JN for over five years and have worked with him closely on university issues. He has a passion for improving education in our state, and he has the experience and problem-solving abilities to make a significant contribution to one of the state's greatest challenges.

I would strongly urge you to re-appoint him, so that we can benefit from his expertise and experience.

Sincerely,

David Cameron Duffy

From: [Peter Kay](#)
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT Letter of Recommendation for JN Musto
Date: Monday, March 31, 2014 8:20:50 PM

Re: Confirmation hearing on the Education Commission of States

Speaking as the CEO of CyberCom, Inc, a 20 year old technology company in Hawaii, I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of the reappointment of JN Musto to the Education Commission of the States.

I've known JN since he commissioned my company to build UHPA's initial web presence in 1994. In my opinion, there is simply no one else in Hawaii with a deeper and broader understanding of Hawaii's education landscape. I would also wager that you would be hard pressed to find a more well-spoken and natural leader in this domain that is as highly regarded by his peers.

In summary, in my view, JN Musto is one of, if not the, best candidates to serve on the commission.

Peter Kay
Direct: 808-386-3740

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April 1, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 414

RE: GM530 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Education Commission of the States, Gubernatorial Nominee, JN MUSTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2018..

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

We are all remarkably fortunate to have Dr. J.N. **Musto** in our community, and willing and able to serve it on important volunteer boards and commissions such the Education Commission of the States.

He joins some of the most notable educators and educational leaders in Hawaii, and in the country, on this vital national board. Governor Abercrombie has seen fit to ask Dr. **Musto** to seek the Senate's confirmation to a second term.

Serving in his 35th year as Executive Director of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, he is known to the public here, locally, as a union leader, but he is known, nationally as one of America's pre-eminent leaders in higher education. A much sought after symposium and conference speaker, he is often called upon for advice and counsel on issues of educational concern. The Mission Statement of the Commission is "to help states develop effective policy and practice for public education by providing data, research, analysis and leadership; and by facilitating collaboration, the exchange of ideas among the states, and long-range strategic thinking," and Dr. **Musto's** life and work epitomizes those functions and actions.

His personal attributes and professional accomplishments are without parallel in our community. I am very happy to recommend him, again, to this very important post.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

Sincerely,

John H. Radcliffe

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [EDU Testimony](#)
Cc: thirr33@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM530 on Apr 9, 2014 13:15PM
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GM530

Submitted on: 4/3/2014

Testimony for EDU on Apr 9, 2014 13:15PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	About Face	Support	No

Comments: Chair, Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Senate EDU Committee V. Chair, Sen. Michelle N. Kidani Right Honorable Members of the Senate EDU Committee We support GM 530 and the confirmation of Mr. J.N. Musto to the Commission on Education of the States. We have known Mr. Musto since the teachers and the professors strike and we have joined them in their picket lines. Mr. Musto is a dynamic and reliable leader of the UHPA. We would love to have him be placed on the Board of Regents or the Board of Education if his schedule permits, but if this is how he wishes to serve, so be it. It will be a great day for the House of Labor to have Mr. Musto represent Hawaii for us. Mahalo for hearing this measure, and ask that this committee and the full Senate confirm Mr. Musto. Thank you. Arvid Tadao Youngquist Founder, Administrator, and Spokesman

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Keith Y. Amemiya
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Senate Committee on Education

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
1:15 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 414

Testimony of Keith Amemiya

GM 530 Education Commission of the States, Gubernatorial Nominee, JN Musto

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee:

I strongly support the reappointment of JN Musto to the Education Commission of the States.

As the former Executive Administrator and Secretary of the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents, I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Musto in his capacity as the Executive Director of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly. During that time period, I came to greatly admire and respect Dr. Musto's intelligence, passion, commitment, advocacy, and overall dedication and support of higher education in Hawaii. Indeed, it became crystal clear to me that Dr. Musto cared greatly about not only his UHPA members, but the entire University system and the State of Hawaii and its people in general.

Additionally, as a current State Board of Education member, I know that Dr. Musto's breadth of experience and unrivaled perspective will serve all of Hawaii's students, from pre-Kindergarten to post-secondary, very well.

In sum, I respectfully urge that you reappoint JN Musto to the Education Commission of the States.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

Eileen Cain, Ph.D.
Language Arts Division
Leeward Community College
University of Hawai'i
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Pearl City, Hawai'i 96782
April 4, 2014

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda,

I am writing to express support for the reappointment of Dr. J.N. Musto to the Education Commission of the States. As you know, this Commission provides a valuable forum for discussion of policy matters relevant to the entire educational system in the United States. Dr. Musto has been recommended for this reappointment by Governor Abercrombie.

I have been a teacher in the University of Hawai'i system for many years, and I have known and collaborated with Dr. Musto over the past fifteen years. Dr. Musto is highly qualified to serve on this Commission. The depth and breadth of his knowledge of the needs of the nation's educational system is impressive. I know him to be an extremely insightful and articulate person who is able to envision the long-term needs and goals of our educational institutions. His years of experience and lifelong commitment to education make him a very valuable resource for the State of Hawai'i.

I urge you to confirm his reappointment so that the Education Commission of the States can continue to benefit from his wealth of expertise.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Senator Tokuda:

My name is Dr. Rosiana (Nani) Azman. I am faculty at UH Maui College, and I also sit on the Board of Directors for the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA). This past year, I have also served as secretary for the UHPA Board.

I have had the privilege of working with Dr. JN Musto for the last two years as a director on the UHPA Board. As an officer this past year, I have traveled with him, and the other officers, to all of the major campuses in the UH system. I have never met a person more dedicated to the betterment of the educational system than Dr. Musto. His continuing pursuit to improve the working conditions for the faculty of the University of Hawaii system stems from his basic belief that faculty should focus on teaching students, conducting research, and serving our community. As a result, Dr. Musto and his staff work tirelessly to uphold our contract and protect the rights of the faculty.

Dr. Musto realizes that one of the major issues facing the UH faculty today is the students' lack of preparation when entering higher education, especially for those who will be attending campuses outside of UH Manoa. As a result, he is committed to find ways to improve our K-12 system as well, to help the people of Hawaii be more successful in their educational pursuits.

I wholeheartedly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Dr. JN Musto to serve on the Education Committee of the States.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at this email address (rosiana@hawaii.edu) or at (808) 984-3259.

Mahalo for your time and kokua,
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TO: Senate Committee on Education
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

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RE: **GM530: Relating to the Confirmation of JN Musto, PhD to the Education Commission of the States**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of JN Musto for his re-appointment to the Education Commission of the States (ECS).

JN Musto is the Executive Director (ED) of the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), representing the faculty of the University since 1980. Through his efforts on behalf of the University and its faculty, I have come to know and respect the intelligence, dedication, body of work, and strategic sense of Dr. Musto.

His career has been entirely focused on public education with an emphasis on the college and university academic communities. Yet as the ED of UHPA he understands and successfully navigates the bigger picture; balancing social service, housing, health care, and other public needs with education and the bottom line of the State. His comprehensive, strategic thinking will serve Hawaii well on the Education Commission of the States.

The ECS provides a unique platform to hear, discuss, and debate matters of educational policy across political lines. Dr. Musto has the credibility, relationships, and knowledge to then share with Hawaii stakeholders these policies as well as original ECS research that is set to shape our education agenda.

I endorse JN Musto to be re-appointed as one of Hawaii's seven Commissioners and look forward to working with him in this capacity.

Thank you Chair, Vice Chair, and Senators for your time and consideration of this very worthy appointee.