

GM606

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL FAHEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2020 (term amended to 6-30-2019 by GM649). .

Report Title: Early Learning Advisory Board

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Introducer(s):



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April 1, 2016

TO: Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director

SUBJECT: GM 605 & GM 606
Hearing Date: April 6, 2016
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Location: Conference Room 229

Purpose of Bills: Submitting for consideration and for confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL FAHEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2016.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Michael Fahey to the Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB).

Michael has over 40 years of experience as an early childhood education/special education teacher and administrator. He served the DOE for 17 years as the State 619 Coordinator for Preschool Special Education Programs and was one of the original members of the State of Hawaii Interagency Transition Team for STEPS (Sequenced Transition of Education into the Public Schools). He helped develop many of the transition tools and protocols made available through the Readiness Taskforce and his expertise in early childhood education/special education has made him an essential member of the advisory board. Michael has been a valuable member of ELAB and his confirmation to the board will provide continuity and expertise.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Education

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 605 and GM 606

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Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Robert G. Peters and I currently serve as the chair of the State Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB) composed of 19 public and private members representing state departments, the early learning community, philanthropy, and the State university system. The ELAB was established to advise the Executive Office on Early Learning and speaks as an independent voice on issues related to child development as they relate to health, safety and learning for children from 0 – 5.

Michael Fahey is an excellent candidate for a continuing term as a member of the Early Learning Advisory Board. He brings over 40 years of experience as an early learning specialist along with experience in special education. His years with the DOE and key role in the development of the STEPS Program demonstrate his commitment to early learning and success of our *keiki*. His membership on the ELAB to date has demonstrated not only his breadth of knowledge but also his ability to work across agencies and partner with public and private organizations. I highly recommend the Committee confirm his nomination by the Governor to the ELAB.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Robert G. Peters, EdD
Early Learning Advisory Board, Chair



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Re: **GM 605/GM 606 – Confirmation of Michael Fahey to the Early Learning Advisory Board -- SUPPORT**
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229 – April 5, 2016 – 1:15 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), formerly Good Beginnings Alliance, we are writing in strong support of GM 605 and GM 606 – confirming Michael Fahey to the Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB) for consecutive terms.

We urge your support for Michael Fahey's confirmation to ELAB. Mike is currently a member of ELAB and has more than 40 years of experience as an early childhood education/special education teacher and administrator from teaching at the Pali Pre-school to leading the Department of Education's 619 special education pre-schools and Title 1 programs and now serving as a community engagement specialist for HCAN.

Mike has devoted an entire career to providing quality childhood services to Hawaii's young children and families. In addition to his service on the ELAB Board, he many decades of service leading and serving in the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council, Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children and Special Parent Network Board.

Mike is deeply invested in the work of ELAB and his continued service will only benefit the state's commitment toward improving the quality, availability, and coordination of early childhood care and education programs serving young children in Hawaii.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee support the advice and consent of GM 605 and GM 606 – confirming Michael Fahey to the Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB) for consecutive terms.