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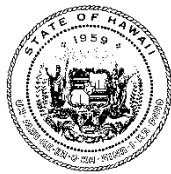
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Comments: Very strong support for Mr. Justin Mew. He is an outstanding educator. Thank you.

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**TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:**

**GM 664: JUSTIN MEW**  
**GM 665: FELICIA VILLALOBOS**  
**GM 666: LISA DELONG**  
**GM 667: LOUISE CAYETANO**  
**GM 668: STEVE NAKASATO**

**April 6, 2016, 1:15 pm, Conference Room 229**

**Testimony of Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board**

**Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee:**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the five nominees for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB). All of these exceptional educators have devoted countless hours of service and expertise to HTSB, at regular and committee meetings, at their school sites and in the community. First and foremost, they make challenging decisions which elevate the teaching profession, assure the public of qualified teachers in Hawaii classrooms, and always the most important factor, that children are served by competent, caring professionals. They volunteer many selfless hours of their time, and I hope you will confirm each one to continue the good work they have done for HTSB, professional education, and the State.

**Mr. Justin Mew**

Mr. Mew has served on the HTSB since 2011, representing Hawaii school principals. Having served as an elementary, middle and currently as a secondary principal, he brings a wide range of experience and serves as an expert voice in licensure matters affecting teachers and administrators at the school level. He has given additional time to learn about national issues on licensure ethics and served on HTSB's professional fitness hearing panel, often as Chair. In this capacity he has led the panel in making difficult decisions on licensure action, always with the safety of Hawaii's students in mind.

**Ms. Felicia Villalobos**

Ms. Villalobos is an elementary classroom teacher representing Kauai. She has been an active member of HTSB, currently serving as the Vice Chairperson and Teacher Standards Committee Chair. Her committee is leading a review of the Hawaii Code of Ethics and the new national

Model Code of Ethics for Educators, the first such code for the entire profession. She is also active in Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) leadership on both the state and national levels, bringing broad perspective to Hawaii licensure matters.

**Dr. Lisa DeLong**

Dr. DeLong represents middle school principals and has a wealth of experience at both the school and complex levels. She serves on HTSB's Teacher Standards Committee and provides insight into how the State can best support teacher licensure at the middle level. Dr. DeLong has also given her time to represent HSTB at the national level at Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) conferences to investigate and support state plans for equity in education.

**Ms. Louise Cayetano**

Ms. Cayetano brings expertise as an elementary teacher, having served at Fern Elementary School for over twenty years. She not only brings a wealth of experience in the classroom but also an empathy for individual teachers when crafting licensure policy. She is currently the HTSB Legislative Committee Chair and often serves on the HTSB Hearing Panel for professional fitness matters. Ms. Cayetano has also given time to represent HTSB at CCSSO conferences on equity issues, an area in which she is highly involved in various NEA organizations.

**Dr. Steve Nakasato**

Dr. Nakasato brings a wide range of experience, including classroom teacher, as Director of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support (OCISS) and currently as an elementary school principal. He is immersed in leadership initiatives, both for teachers and school administrators and has been recognized at the state and national levels with numerous awards. Dr. Nakasato serves HTSB's Teacher Education and Budget, Personnel and Strategic Planning Committees and brings a sense of urgency and efficiency along with wisdom of practice to decisions.

I respectfully ask you to confirm all five of these outstanding HTSB members and thank you for the opportunity to testify.