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April 14, 2016

To: Honorable Michelle M. Hanai, Chair  
Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Senate Education Committee

From: Jeannine Souki, Executive Director  
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Re: **GM 837- Nominating Patricia Bergin to the Board of Education for a term to expire June 30, 2019 Support Conference Room 229 - Hawaii State Capitol - April 14, 2016, 1:15 P.M.**

On behalf of the Hawaii Public Charter School Network (HPCSN), we **writing support of GM 837 and urge your committee's advise and consent of the Governor's nomination of Patricia Bergin to the Board of Education for a term to expire June 30, 2019.**

Pat Bergin has a distinguished career as an educator and community leader from working within the State Department of Education as a teacher, principal, curriculum specialist and district superintendent. She is one of the founders of a public charter school focused on Native Hawaiian education. She demonstrates a healthy understanding of the role to which she has been appointed. Ms. Bergin's long and diverse background in both the traditional public school and charter school systems and understanding of the challenges of providing quality education in the context of a rural community setting will provide a valuable perspective to the Board of Education.

For these reasons, we urge the committee's favorable support for Ms. Bergin's nomination.

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HPCSN works to support Hawaii's public charter schools and to be a voice for children and families that seek choice in an independent public school setting. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.

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