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Michael Iosua	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony in support of GM 723 regarding Jin Chang' nomination to the Early Learning Advisory Board. Jin has been working as a teacher and program manager for Partners in Development Foundation for nearly 10 years. Through his work with PIDF, he has used Native Hawaiian values and traditions to educate Hawaii families and communities and to set them on a path towards a better life through education. On a personal note, I have gotten to know Jin through the Pacific Century Fellows program. Over the past two years, he has demonstrated a commitment to service and especially to educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth. He truly inspires those who know him to become more involved in providing quality education for all of Hawaii's keiki. Jin would undoubtedly be a valuable asset to the Early Learning Advisory Board and hope that you can support his appointment. Mahalo, Michael Iosua

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TO: Senator Michelle N Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

SUBJECT: GM 723
Hearing Date: April 24, 2017
Time: 2:50 p.m.
Location: Conference Room 329

Purpose of Bill: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JIN CHANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION’S POSTION: The State Public Charter School Commission **SUPPORTS GM 723** – Relating to the confirmation of nominee Jin Chang to the Early Learning Advisory Board.

The State Public Charter School Commission recognizes the importance of a broad-based board to advise the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) on how to best meet the developmental and educational needs of children, from prenatal care to entry into kindergarten. This holistic approach will guide EOEL to improve the quality, availability and coordination of the early childhood system while promoting collaboration across stakeholders.

The State Public Charter School Commission understands that Jin Chang has the critical knowledge, experience and understanding of the early childhood system. His experience, expertise and objectivity will contribute to the Early Learning Advisory Board.

For these reasons, the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission respectfully requests that the committee approve the nomination of this candidate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Education
April 24, 2017 2:50 PM
by
Laura Reichhardt, NP-C, APRN, Director
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
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GM 723 Jin Chang Nomination for Early Learning Advisory Board

Dear Chair Kidani and Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

It is with great humility that I write this letter in support for Jin Chang for the consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board, as proposed in GM 723.

Jin Chang is a driven and passionate advocate for early childhood learning, and understands the community factors, including family stressors, environmental factors, and social determinants of health, that impact a child's ability to learn successfully.

His work with Partners in Development provides him with a unique opportunity to learn, understand, and address factors contributing to early learning engagement for Leeward O'ahu children. His work has also provided him the opportunity to engage in national discussions and platforms.

Over the past two years we have had the pleasure of knowing each other through our involvement as Pacific Century Fellows. Jin Chang is thoughtful and actionable in his responses to dialogue, open to new information and seeks to share opportunities he learns about and his understanding with others with energy.

Jin Chang will be a strong addition to the Early Learning Advisory Board, if confirmed.

Warmest aloha,



Laura Reichhardt, MS, APRN, NP-C
Director
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Native Hawaiian Education Council

April 23, 2017

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Ka`aialii Kahele, Vice Chair
State of Hawai'i Senate
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RE: GM7273 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JIN CHANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Aloha 'oluā mai,

The Native Hawaiian Education Council (NHEC or the Council)

SUPPORTS Gubernatorial Nominee, JIN CHANG to the Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB).

Jin will serve well on the ELAB: 1) Advising the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) on how best to meet the educational needs of children, from prenatal care to entry into kindergarten; 2) Providing recommendations to EOEL on improving the quality, availability, and coordination of early childhood care and education programs; 3) Promoting collaboration across agencies and stakeholders serving young children; and 4) Being an independent voice for children's health, safety, development, and learning, particularly from a family child interaction learning perspective.

As co-Program Manager for the Ka Pa`alana Preschool program, funded by the Native Hawaiian Education Program and provided by the Partners in Development Foundation organization, the Council acknowledges the "Ka Pa'alana Homeless Family Education Program serves homeless and at-risk families on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu. Through collaborative partnerships with Leeward Coast outreach agencies, Ka Pa'alana assists families by providing basic needs items as well as educational programming (Family-Child Interaction Preschool, Parent Education, Adult Education, Home Visiting) to equip families toward greater self-sufficiency and prepare children for school success. Ka Pa'alana also serves as an initial contact agency for families who are ready to transition to local shelters or temporary housing facilities."



Michelle N. Kidani
Ka`aiali`i Kahele
April 23, 2017
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The Council **SUPPORTS** Jin's nomination aligned to:

- A. The Native Hawaiian Education Vision, Mission and Goals as detailed in Attachment A;
- B. NHEC's platform and priorities as articulated in Attachment B, particularly our desire to **Intensify Systems Engagement**, actions that intensify systems level action--- federal, state, primary, secondary, tertiary, national and international, health, housing—to strengthen families and communities; to engage in early learning planning and implementation work; and advancing two pathways of education.

The Council is mindful that Hawai'i operates in a unique context of having a single State Educational Agency (SEA) and Local Educational Agency (LEA); two official languages—English and Hawaiian—that are mediums of instruction in the State's public education system; and a public charter school system that is a blend of Hawaiian language immersion and Hawaiian culture based schools and in the midst of implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)—the most pervasive federal policy change since No Child Left Behind in 2001, returning control to State's by Congressional intent; and working to integrate, holistically and systemically, early learning into our public education system.

The Native Hawaiian Education Council was established in 1994 under the federal Native Hawaiian Education Act. The Council is charged with coordinating, assessing and reporting and making recommendations on the effectiveness of existing education programs for Native Hawaiians, the state of present Native Hawaiian education efforts, and improvements that may be made to existing programs, policies, and procedures to improve the educational attainment of Native Hawaiians.

Please feel free to contact the Council's Executive Director, Dr. Sylvia Hussey, directly via e-mail (sylvia@nhec.org), office (808.523.6432) or mobile (808.221.5477) telephone with any questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Lisa M. Watkins-Victorino, Chair

cc: Policy & Advocacy and Executive Committees and staff





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Nu'ukia (Vision)

'O Hawai'i ke kahua o ka ho'ona'auao.

Hawai'i is the foundation of our learning.

Ala Nu'ukia (Mission)

I nā makahiki he 10 e hiki mai ana e 'ike 'ia ai nā hanauna i mana i ka 'ōlelo a me ka nohona Hawai'i no ka ho'omau 'ana i ke ola pono o ka maui Hawai'i.

In 10 years, kānaka will thrive through the foundation of Hawaiian language, values, practices and wisdom of our kūpuna and new 'ike to sustain abundant communities.

Pahuhopu (Goals)

In the next 10 years, our learning systems will . . .

Goal #1 — 'Ōlelo Hawai'i:

- **Advance 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Expectations**
Develop and implement a clear set of expectations for 'ōlelo Hawai'i that permeates all levels of education.
- **Actualize a Hawaiian Speaking Workforce**
Increase a prepared 'ōlelo Hawai'i workforce to ensure community and 'ohana access and support.
- **Amplify Access and Support**
Increase 'ōlelo Hawai'i context and programming to support the kaiāulu.
- **Achieve Normalization**
Pursue normalization of 'ōlelo Hawai'i.

Goal #2 — 'Ike Hawai'i:

- **Actualize 'Ike Hawai'i**
Increase use of knowledge from traditional and diverse sources.
- **Amplify Leo Hawai'i**
Increase 'ohana and kaiāulu learning and participation.
- **Advance Hana Hawai'i**
Increase resources to support practice and leadership.

Native Hawaiian Education Platform*

‘O Hawai‘i ke kahua o ka ho‘ona‘auao.
Hawai‘i is the foundation of our learning.

Perpetuate ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i

Actions on advancing ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i expectations; actualizing a Hawaiian speaking workforce; amplifying access and support; and achieve normalization of ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i

Amplify Family and Community Voices

Recognizes parents and families as first educators; Actions that inform, illuminate, elevate and strengthen parent, family and community engagement in education

Advance Hawaiian Culture Based Education

Actions that promote further understanding, connecting, supporting and advancing ‘ike and ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i: policy and pathways; teachers, leaders and communities; pedagogy and programs; curriculum, instruction, assessment and research practices; and evaluation and accreditation mechanisms.

Intensify Systems Engagement

Actions that intensify systems level action---federal, state, primary, secondary, tertiary, national and international, health, housing—to strengthen families and communities.

* Formal set of principal goals



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2017-2018 Native Hawaiian Education Priorities

Native Hawaiian Education Council

Perpetuate 'Ōlelo Hawai'i

- Support the Working Group recommendations re: the Expansion of Hawaiian Language Instruction Throughout the University of Hawai'i Systems.
- Support continuing work on Hawaiian language standards and assessments.

Amplify Family and Community Voices

- Advocate for the effective implementation of ESSA for the benefit of families and communities.
- Aggregate field data on family and community voices by island community.

Advance Hawaiian Culture Based Education

- Illuminate Models and Practices of Innovation.
- Elevate Accreditation Frameworks, Designations and Schools.
 - Create a Native Hawaiian research agenda.
 - Continue Native Hawaiian education meta-evaluation.
- Include CBE in Teacher Education and Preparation Programs and Professional Development

Intensify Systems Engagement

- Continue national advocacy work re: ESSA implementation and Native Control of Native Education.
- Engage in early learning planning and implementation work.
- Advance the implementation of Board of Education Policy E-3 Na Hopena A'o.
- Support the continuing 2-Pathways of Education Design and Development



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Cal Chipchase	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair and Committee Members: I support Jin Chang's nomination to the Early Learning Advisory Board. I met Jin as part of the Pacific Century Fellows program. I quickly learned that Jin has a passion for early education and the health, safety and welfare of Hawai'i's children. Jin's work with Partners in Development has given him the perspective and experience necessary to serve on the Board. I'm confident that he will be an asset to the board and our state. Very truly yours, Cal Chipchase

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Scot Matayoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Jin Chang's nomination to the Early Learning Advisory Board. Jin is a hard worker, a good person, and will do an amazing job in this position.

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Christopher M. Lovvorn	Individual	Support	No

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April 20, 2017

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Monday, April 24, 2017, 2:50 p.m. Conference Room 329

Support for ELAB nominee Jin Chang

Aloha, my name is Daniel Goya I am the project manager of PIDF's Ka Pa'alana Homeless Family Education Program, but I am here today speaking as an individual citizen and not here to represent PIDF. I am submitting this testimony to express my very strong support for Jin Chang and his ELAB nomination.

Mr. Chang has been a strong influence in the early childhood education community, particularly as a Family Child Interaction Learning advocate. He will be a welcomed voice on the ELAB and will serve his position with dignity and honesty.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Goya', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Goya

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From: Walden Au <waldenau@gmail.com>
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Dear Chair Kidani & Vice Chair Kahele,

I am writing to **support** the nomination of Jin Chang to the Early Learning Advisory Board, GM 723. I have had the honor of getting to know Mr. Chang both personally and professionally over the last two years, and I am confident that he will serve this board in a way that will do right by the youth of Hawaii.

Mr. Chang is a warm and caring person and has a natural way of bringing people together to collaborate in order to find solutions that serve the greater good. He is a humble community servant who treats everyone with respect and kindness and inspires others to want to do better. His actions always speak louder than his words and he holds himself to high standards in order to be the best example for the keiki and youth he works with. I know that his calm demeanor and ability to look towards the bigger picture will offer great perspective to the Early Learning Advisory Board.

Mahalo for this opportunity to speak on behalf of Jin Chang and for taking the time to set his hearing during such a busy time in the session.

Sincerely,
Walden Au