



STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Regarding:

GM 728 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KARIANE PARK-TOYAMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

and

GM 729 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, TRACEY IDICA, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

and

GM 730 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JONATHAN KISSIDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 2:45 pm, Conference Room 229

Testifying: Lynn Hammonds for the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

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

It is my honor to submit testimony in **strong support** for **Kariane Park Toyama, Tracey Idica, and Jonathan Kissida**, Gubernatorial Nominees recommended to you for service on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. All of these professional educators are of the highest caliber and leaders in the professional community. In addition, they are all individuals of strong character and mature judgement, absolute necessities for the many policies and issues that will come before them if they are confirmed by your Committee.

Kariane Park Toyama represents teachers on the island of Maui. Serving as an elementary teacher with a background in Hawaiian Studies, she has over sixteen years of experience and believes that teachers should be held accountable and provide a wide range of learning experiences for their students. Currently, Ms. Park Toyama serves the HTSB as a member of the Legislative and Teacher Education Committees and is a faithful attendee at meetings to offer valuable insight in policy discussions.

Tracey Idica, is a longtime National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) teacher and a leader in Hawaii's support network for aspiring NBPTS candidates. Ms. Idica has been recognized by

numerous state and national organizations for the excellence in teaching, including both the Hawaii State Teachers Association and the National Education Association Foundation. Her presence on the HTSB will assure the profession that the highest standards will be upheld.

Jonathan Kissida served on the HTSB when he was a classroom teacher on Hawaii Island, and is now nominated as a representative of the public. Mr. Kissida served as HTSB's Vice Chairperson and also led a sweeping revision of the Administrative Rules to update licensing requirements. His dedication, insight and experience will be welcomed if he is confirmed.

Thank you for your consideration of these fine individuals and for the opportunity to testify.