



## KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

Senate Committee on Education

Time: 2:50 p.m.

Date: March 16, 2018

Where: State Capitol Room 229

### TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk

**RE: HB 2352, HD1, Relating to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board**

E ka Luna Ho'omalū Kidani, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalū Kahele, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike Ho'ona'auao o ka 'Aha Kenekoa, aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Division of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support** HB 2352, HD1, relating to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, which increases the membership on the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board to include a member of the Native Hawaiian Education Council and a non-voting public university student teacher. This measure will also clarify that a permit is required for non-licensed teachers serving in public schools.

We believe that the inclusion of a representative from the Native Hawaiian Education Council will help to provide increased Native Hawaiian education knowledge, perspective and acumen to the board. This is an important and highly inclusive step that will help inform discussion at the board level on past, current, and future Native Hawaiian education issues.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

'A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.