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TO: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: **Measure:** Governor's Message No. 686
Hearing Date: April 17, 2019
Time: 2:45 p.m.
Location: Room 329

Description: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KERRIE UROSEVICH, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: Support

Good afternoon. I am Lauren Moriguchi, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Kerrie Urosevich to the Early Learning Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

The Early Learning Board is EOEL's governing entity, and is tasked in statute with formulating statewide policy relating to early learning. We note that Ms. Urosevich's confirmation would not be to the Early Learning Advisory Board, but the Early Learning Board, due to the statutory change made in 2017.

The input of the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC) is critical as EOEL works to carry out its statutory responsibility to develop Hawaii's early learning system, which shall ensure a spectrum of high-quality development and learning opportunities for children throughout the state, from prenatal care until the time they enter kindergarten, with priority given to underserved or at-risk children. As such, the HEICC representative on the Board carries an important role.

Ms. Urosevich is the lead for network design and collaboration for Early Childhood Action Strategy. I attest to her passionate dedication to working on strategies to better support Hawaii's children and families. Her work, coupled with her experience in systems building, and conflict resolution and violence prevention, will be a great asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Ms. Urosevich's confirmation.

April 9, 2019

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Senate Education Committee

From: Michael Fahey, Chair Nominations Committee,
Early Learning Board

Re: **GM 686 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KERRIE UROSEVICH, for a term to expire 06-30-2022**

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim and Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to ask that you confirm Dr. Kerrie Urosevich to her first term on the Early Learning Board (ELB) to expire 06-30-2022.

Kerrie Urosevich, MA, PhD, is the lead for network design and collaboration for Early Childhood Action Strategy (ECAS). She previously served in both Governor Neil Abercrombie's and Governor David Ige's Administrations under the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) Before joining EOEL, Kerrie worked for 15 years in systems building, conflict resolution and violence prevention, through her mediation and facilitation consultancy. She was selected to the Omidyar Fellows Executive Leadership program in 2014 to learn strategies for better supporting Hawai'i's children and families. She has proven to be a dedicated and capable colleague who we have come to depend on for her expertise as an early childhood expert.

Kerrie will be the ELB Representative from the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council. She is highly respected among her peers and has a firm grasp of ELB's goals, strategies and issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Kerrie Urosevich's confirmation to the ELB.

Sincerely,
Michael C. Fahey

HEICC Representative, Chair Nominations Committee,
Early Learning Board