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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

TESTIMONY ON GM 704 AND GM 705

SUBMITTED BY LYNN HAMMONDS FOR THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

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

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) **strongly supports** GM 704 for the nomination of Dawn Raymond and GM 705 for the nomination of Kristi Miyamae as members of the HTSB.

Ms. Raymond has attended HTSB meetings as she was previously nominated by the Governor prior to the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. She has been an actively participating member and hopes to serve on the Teacher Standards Committee and the Legislative Committee in the 2020-2021 school year if confirmed by the Committee on Education. Ms. Raymond has held offices in the Hilo Chapter of the Hawaii State Teachers Association as well as other commission seats and holds a current teaching license in Special Education.

Ms. Miyamae has extensive experience as a teacher at both the elementary and middle school level, currently at Mililani Middle. She holds a master's degree in Special Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ms. Miyamae has been active in the Hawaii State Teachers Association and holds a current teaching license in English, Mathematics, Special Education, and Special Education Mild/Moderate.

The HTSB thanks the Senate Committee on Education for considering the confirmation of Ms. Raymond and Ms. Miyamae as members of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-704

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Lacar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Education Committee Members,

My name is Amanda Lacar and I have known Dawn Raymond since 2018 by us both serving on the HSTA Board of Directors. I have come to call Dawn a true friend.

Dawn currently sits as a HTSB Member and I hope that she can continue to be in that role. I have come to learn that Dawn has a vast knowledge of how she found her passion for teaching from working in the schools as an Educational Assistant. She is an example of the "Grow Our Own" teaching initiative before it even started.

Dawn is an individual that is not afraid to speak up for what is best for all. She considers all aspects of a decision before making her decision. She is so passionate and committed in the committees and organizations she volunteers for. She is a voice that needs to continue to be heard on the HTSB.

Please approve Dawn Raymond to be a member of the HTSB.

Mahalo,

Amanda Lacar

Aliamanu Middle School

Special Education Teacher

GM-704

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Testimony for EDU on 5/14/2020 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louise K. Cayetano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairwoman Kidani, Vice-Chair Mercado Kim and members of the Education Committee,

My name is Louise Cayetano, a teacher at Fern Elementary in Honolulu. I am a member of the HSTA State Board of Directors and speak in strong support of Ms. Raymond's confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Over the years, as a member of the HSTA State Board of Directors' Ms. Raymond has played an active role in ensuring proposed business items align with our union's Vision and Mission statements and policies. She makes fair and thoughtful decisions after listening to related discussion on the floor. She will definitely be an asset to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board bringing a variety of experiences to the table and has the ability to work well with others.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony

Sincerely,

Louise
Cayetano
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