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HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
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April 7, 2021

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds, HTSB Executive Director

DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2021

TIME: 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 229, by videoconference

REGARDING: **GM 788:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, **DAVELYN HAN**, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

GM 789: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, **GLEN MIYASATO**, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

GM 790: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, **KATINA SOARES**, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

GM 791: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, **JONATHAN GILLENLINE**, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

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

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HSTB) **strongly supports GM 788, GM 789, GM 790, and GM 791**, for your consideration of the following individuals for confirmation as members of the HTSB.

GM 788: Davelyn Lokelani Han currently serves the HTSB as its Legislative Committee Chairperson. Ms. Han's multiple perspectives on charter schools, Hawaiian language immersion, and Neighbor Island classroom teaching have been valuable in consideration of HTSB policy and effect on these constituent groups.

GM 791: Dr. Jonathan Gillentine, is a highly respected Hawaii educator in the field of early childhood education and special education. Dr. Gillentine is recognized both statewide and on the national level and was a 2017 inductee into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. He has also served as an officer of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, on numerous teacher preparation program accreditation review teams, and previously as a member and chair of the HTSB. The HTSB and all Hawaii educators would benefit from Dr. Gillentine's service as a board member representing the public.

Two vacancies on the HTSB are in the area of school administrator representation. While I do not know these nominees personally, their resumes indicate that they would bring relevant and valuable training and experience to the board.

GM 789: Glen Miyasato brings experience as a classroom teacher, school administration at the elementary level, as well as experience at a Hawaiian Immersion school.

GM 790: Dr. Katina Sores has served as a school administrator and school counselor, bringing service as a Neighbor Island high school administrator.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of these four individuals for your consideration for membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

GM-788

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 3:17:22 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/7/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa DeLong	Testifying for Hawaii Teacher Standards Board	Support	No

Comments:

I support the nomination of Davelyn Han to become a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

GM-788

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 12:48:04 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/7/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lydia Trinidad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha -- I am in FULL SUPPORT of Lokelani Han continuing on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Ms. Han has full knowledge of the issues surrounding recruitment and the quality of teachers in public schools. Ms. Han is a Kaiapuni Teacher, an elementary teacher, an active union participant, a teacher leader in a charter school. and works in a "hard to fill" school. Ms. Han provides solutions to issues, and is a strong advocate for quality students and quality teachers. Ms. Han is able to provide balanced, thoughtful, informed discussions for difficult and challenging issues. Please consider her continuing as a Boardmember on the Hawaii Teachers Standard Board.

Mahalo,

Lydia Trinidad, Principal

Kualapuu Public Conversion Charter School

Kualapuu, Hawaii

GM-788

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 10:04:55 AM

Testimony for EDU on 4/7/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pualani S. Akaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Michelle Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Education,

My name is Pualani S. Akaka, resident of Molokai, retired public school educator. I write, as an individual, in support of Davelyn Loke Han to be confirmed as a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. She provides experience and authenticity on behalf of all children, in particular of the Hawaiian community, and of teachers' working conditions. She provides a compassionate point of view for education of all ages particularly during this time of challenge. I ask your confirmation of nominee Davelyn Han on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Sincerely,

Pualani S. Akaka

GM-788

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 4:32:23 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/7/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly Puanani Johnston	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Davelyn Han for confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I am retired from the Department of Education, but we taught together at Kualapuu School for many years. During our association I have witnessed Davelyn's dedication to education and student achievement and her commitment to excellence in all that she does. Thank you.

GM-788

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 4:56:32 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/7/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Gamiao	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Kumu Loke Han, Kualapuu Charter School, Kaapuni. Great kumu and will represent our Molokai keiki needs well.