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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-791

Submitted on: 3/31/2021 3:19:25 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 Jonathan Gillentine to become a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

GM-791

Submitted on: 4/3/2021 5:53:13 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Raymond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

My name is Dawn Raymond, a special education teacher at Chiefess Kapiolani Elementary on Hawai'i Island. I have known Mr. Gillentine since 2013 by us both serving on the Hawaii State Teacher Association's State Special Education Committee.

Throughout the years of knowing Mr. Gillentine, he has shown passion and commitment. He brings a variety of experiences and has the ability to work well with others.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony,

Dawn Raymond

GM-791

Submitted on: 4/4/2021 6:28:45 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jodi Beaty	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the nomination of Jonathan Gillentine to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I know him through his work as a representative in the HSTA Windward Chapter. He will be a positive addition to the board as a public member because of his dedication and continued support to education. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-791

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 3:16:42 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joyce Aono	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I submit my support in the nomination of Jonathan Gillentine to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I have worked with him on the HSTA-Retired, O`ahu District Council for the last several years, since my own retirement, as Elections Chair and Delegate Assembly Member. He has been congenial and supportive; and always welcoming of new members to continue to be active participants in support of retired teachers. He will be a valuable addition to the Board as a knowledgeable, reliable and genuinely caring former teacher. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.

Sincerely, Joyce Aono, Retired Teacher

“I support the nomination of Jonathan Gillentine to Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I have attended four past national NEA Conferences on the mainland as a fellow elected delegate from Hawaii and have worked with him these past two years on the HSTA-RETIRED O’ahu District Council. Jonathan would be an asset to the board as a public member, because his vast experience in teaching and as a resource leader and field supervisor provide him the ability to offer valid suggestions for improvement. He always maintains a positive outlook, speaks up for what is right, and is supportive of everyone’s ideas and suggestions. Jonathan displays professionalism and expects the highest standards from all of us, including himself. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.”

- Candace Chun

GM-791

Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:25:02 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Aitken	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have found Jonathan Gillentine to be a remarkable, conscientious, professional, and organized leader. He always strives to give everyone in the room a chance to contribute, and delegate responsibilities to others in a way that makes them feel that there are important contributors. His professional history and commitment to education make him an excellent candidate for the teacher standards board. Thank you.

Testimony in support of GM791

I support the nomination of Jonathan Gillentine to Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I worked with him as an active teacher at the Windward District Office as well as when he was in the classroom. He was always active in Windward Chapter HSTA and was also on the Hawaii State Teacher Standards Board. We also worked together on our National Board Certification. I watched as he grew and continued his education receiving his Doctorate Degree in Early Childhood Education from UH at Manoa. I am now again working with him as his Vice President of the HSTA-Retired Oahu Council. Sometimes I wonder where he gets all his energy and positive attitude from. People enjoy working with him as he is a team player. He is also so generous, respectful and gracious to others. He will be a positive addition to the board as a public member. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.

Sincerely;

Phyllis Ida
Retired Teacher

Testimony in support of nominating Jonathan Gillentine to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

I have worked with Jonathan Gillentine for the past few years as a member of the HSTA-Retired, O`ahu District Council. He is hard working, considerate, and quite knowledgeable.

Although he is now retired, he was also involved with the Teacher Standards Board when he was an active teacher.

I am sure he will make a fine addition to the Board.

Sincerely,

Rose Shin

Testimony from Lanny Busher

"I support the nomination of Jonathan Gillentine to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I have known Jonathan for over 12 years. We served on the HSTA Board of directors together and as members of the HSTA-Retired, O`ahu District Council where he currently serves as President. He will be a positive addition to the board as a public member because he has demonstrated his dedication to education. He has continuously made rational decisions to support teachers and our keiki in Hawaii based on research. Jonathan would be an asset to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony."