

April 5, 2021

To: Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Morcado Kim , Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Education Committee

From: Robert G Peters, Chair,
Early Learning Board

Re: **GM 797 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Erin Henderson Lacerdo, for a term to expire 06-30-2025**

Friday, April 9, 2021, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference, 3:00 pm.

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim and Committee Members:

I am offering this testimony in support of the confirmation of the Governor's nomination of Erin Henderson Lacerdo to serve a term on the Early Learning Board (ELB) to expire on 06-30-2025.

While I do not know Erin personally, she was elected by the home visiting programs as their new representative on the ELB. She currently serves as the Home Visiting Program Director for Keiki O Ka Aina and is a Home Visiting Professional Development Specialist. Erin is a licensed clinical social worker and certified as an infant family specialist. Both Erin's background and experience make her an appealing candidate for the ELB as she promises to bring her special understanding of children and families to our deliberations and governance responsibilities.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of Erin Henderson Lacerdo.

Sincerely,
Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board



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April 8, 2021

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

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: Measure: G.M. 797 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ERIN HENDERSON LACERDO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025.
Hearing Date: Friday April 9, 2021
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: videoconference

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: Support

Good afternoon. I am Lauren Moriguchi, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL supports the nomination and confirmation of Erin Henderson Lacerdo to the Early Learning Board (ELB).

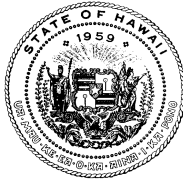
EOEL is statutorily responsible for the development of the State's early childhood system that shall ensure a spectrum of high-quality development and learning opportunities for children throughout the state, from prenatal care until the time they enter kindergarten, with priority given to underserved or at-risk children.

The ELB was established as a governing board through Act 202, SLH 2017, and is responsible for directing the EOEL on how best to meet the developmental and educational needs of children, from prenatal care to entry into kindergarten; providing recommendations to EOEL on improving the quality, availability, and coordination of early learning programs; promoting collaboration across agencies and stakeholders serving young children; and appoint and evaluating the EOEL Director on an annual basis.

Ms. Henderson Lacerdo is seeking appointment to the ELB as a representative of Home-Visiting program providers. She is currently the Statewide Program Director of He Lei Piko Home Visiting at Keiki o Ka 'Āina and has worked in the early childhood field for twelve years. With her extensive experience administering Home-Visiting programs, Ms. Henderson Lacerdo satisfies the requirement of §302 L-1.6 and would be an asset as a member to the ELB.

Thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to testify.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NUMBER 797
NOMINEE TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD**

SENATOR MICHELLE N. KIDANI, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Date: 4/9/2021

Room Number: 229 &
Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the appointment of Ms. Erin
3 Henderson Lacerdo as the representative of home-visiting program providers to the Early
4 Learning Board.

5 Ms. Erin Henderson Lacerdo is the Statewide Program Director of the He Lei Piko home
6 visiting program with Keiki O Ka Aina. She is a trained home visitor with Infant Mental Health
7 Endorsement® credentials. Her background, knowledge, expertise, and contributions are
8 valuable assets to the Hawaii Home Visiting Network and her nomination is unanimously
9 supported by the Network members. Ms. Henderson Lacerdo will be an excellent representative
10 of the Hawaii Home Visiting Network on the Early Learning Board.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

JoAnn Farnsworth, M.S.

April 8, 2021

Senate Education Committee
Friday, April 9, 2021
RE: GM 797
Conference Room 2

Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

I am submitting testimony for your consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ERIN HENDERSON LACERDO. I have been honored to serve on the Board of the Hawaii Association for Infant Mental Health DBA AIMH HI with Erin since 2016. Throughout that time I have been impressed with Erin's commitment to the field of early childhood, infant and early childhood behavioral health and home visitation. She has led the way in Hawaii in professional development for the practitioners working in these fields. She has not only conducted the trainings for the AIMH HI Promising Minds Fellows Program but developed the curriculum content reaching out across the state to engage a broad range of practitioners representing home visitation, Early Intervention Services, early childhood educators and independent therapists and social workers.

Erin's thoughtfulness and ability to see the full context of systems that affect the outcomes of our youngest children and their families will be a tremendous asset to the Early Learning Board. You can count on her work ethic and follow through to be an active and fully participating member of the Board. Her reach as Program Director at KOKA allows Erin to hear and know the challenges that face families with young children across the state not just the community in which she lives.

I can think of no one more qualified to represent the voice of home visiting for our families with young children. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of this special person.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Farnsworth, M.S.

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GM-797

Submitted on: 4/8/2021 4:15:59 PM

Testimony for EDU on 4/9/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lehua Kaulukukui	Testifying for Puakalehua Early Learning Consortium	Support	No

Comments:

April 8, 2021

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair, Senate Education Committee
Vice Chair, Senate Education Committee

Senator Donna Kim,

Re: GM 797 Nomination of Erin Henderson Lacerdo to the Early Learning Board

Dear Senator Kidani, Kim and Committee Members:

This letter is in support for the nomination of Erin Henderson Lacerdo to the Early Learning Board. Erin has served on the Steering Committee of the Puakalehua Early Learning Consortium for North and West Hawaii since 2019. Through her work with us at the Consortium, Erin has contributed to the development of professionals in the early childhood field by assisting with the coordination of our Annual Early Learning Conference. Erin is an active participant in our efforts, including the building of our campaign to introduce career pathways into Early Childhood and the celebration of the Week of the Young Child.

Erin has considerable experience in providing educational home visiting services for families of infants and toddlers at risk through the Parents as Teachers and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters programs. At the Consortium, she represents home visiting services and collaborates with the other members of our Consortium, such as Partners in Development Foundation, Department of Education, Hokupa'a, Kamehameha Schools Preschools, and PATCH.

We support the nomination of Erin Henderson Lacerdo to the Early Learning Board for the Executive Office of Early Learning.

Me ka mahalo,

Lehua Kaulukukui, Chair

Puakalehua Early Learning Consortium