



Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Committee on Education

Friday, April 4, 2025; 3:00 PM
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

RE: GM 761 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DEANNA D'OLIER, for a term to expire 06-30-2027 – In Support

Aloha Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kim and Members of the Committee,

I have been serving as the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) representative on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) for the past year – I was appointed too late last spring to be confirmed by the Senate and so I was supposed to be confirmed by the Senate this spring. However, I am retiring as Executive Director of HAIS in June and so it does not make sense for me to be confirmed and then immediately resign.

The HAIS Board of Directors has appointed Deanna D'Olier as my successor, and she should take over the HAIS position on the HTSB. Deanna has worked at HAIS in several positions over the past ten years, most recently as Associate Director of HAIS, and she is knowledgeable about all of Hawaii's private and parochial schools. She has also worked with the Hawaii Department of Education (HDOE) during the past eight years to manage the annual Schools of the Future Conference, which is jointly produced by HAIS and HDOE and, as a result, is also very familiar with many, if not, most of Hawaii's public schools.

I strongly support Ms. D'Olier's application as the HAIS representative on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and urge you to confirm her appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip J. Bossert".

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