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February 25, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair Senate Committee on Education Hawaii State Legislature State Capitol Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto:

Governor Linda Lingle's Office has advised us that a hearing for T. `Aulani Wilhelm's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service is scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2008, at 1:15 p.m. (GM 344).

I regret to advise you that Ms. Wilhelm is presently away on annual leave and will return to work on Monday, March 10.

Please let me know if the date of her hearing can be postponed until her return. I can be reached at (808) 397-2660. I apologize for this inconvenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent A. Collins Acting Superintendent

cc: Marc Miranda, Office of the Governor



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## Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service

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To:

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair

Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Higher Education

From:

Dennis Dunn, Vice Chair

Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Date:

March 7, 2008

Subject:

GM 344 - Consideration and Confirmation of T. 'Aulani Wilhelm to the Hawaii

Commission for National and Community Service

Mr. Chairman, my name is Dennis Dunn and I am the Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am here today to support the reappointment of Aulani Wilhelm to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service for the next three years.

As a current member of the Hawaii Commission, Ms. Wilhelm has contributed tremendously to the growth and stability of the commission. As a former staff member to the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, Ms. Wilhelm's knowledge of national service has helped the Commission develop its goals, objectives and priorities as to the type of services that are needed in our community. Her commitment to not only the Commission, but to community service and service learning has also been a key contributing factor to the work of the Commission. Her knowledge of federal rules and regulations has been helpful in getting the Commission to make a difference in our community, as well as develop high quality national service programs in our state.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge your support in reappointing Ms. Aulani Wilhelm to the Commission in order that she may continue to provide her insight in helping the Commission to fulfill the more comprehensive role envisioned for the Commission in order to foster and expand an ethic of service and volunteerism throughout the state.