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To: The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Education and Housing

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Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 225

From:  James P. Hardway, Executive Director  
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**RE: GM 227 – Voletta Noe Noe Tom: Hawaii Teacher Standards Board**

The Hawaii Workforce Development Council ("WDC") strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Voletta Noe Noe Tom to this appointment. Ms. Tom was recommended to the Governor for this position by the WDC, P-20 Council, and Hawaii Business Roundtable. Ms. Tom was nominated by these organizations based upon her extensive experience and expertise as licensing administrator for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA").

Ms. Tom is a graduate of both the University of Hawaii and Chaminade University. She has extensive managerial experience which includes appointments as Deputy Director and Director of the DCCA. She brings to the HTSB not only experience in licensing, but in top level managerial experience in oversight and policymaking. All of these qualities make Ms. Tom an invaluable asset to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board and its mission.

The WDC proudly supports this confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.