Senate Committee on Education Friday, April 8, 2011 1:15PM

Conference Room 225

GM 658: Support of Appointment of NANCY JO-YAMAKAWA BUDD

Aloha Chair Tokuda and Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members,

I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of the Perreira family for Nancy J. Budd as an appointed member of the Board of Education. I humbly add my name to the list of fellow citizens who care about the education of the children of Hawaii.

I am Ms. Budd's legal assistant and served a term with Nancy on the Kauai High School PTSA, where our daughters attended high school. We have continued to volunteer at the high school for its annual Project Graduation night. Nancy is passionate about many issues concerning the people (and special places) of Kauai and the State of Hawaii. She serves as a board member of several nonprofit organizations where she applies her skills and knowledge to raise awareness as well as funds to improve the community as she strives to improve the lives of others.

Although I've only known Nancy for 13 years, I know her passion for education is deeply ingrained from childhood as her mother was a teacher and a respected member of the Board of Education in the State of California. Your review of Nancy's resume will impress upon you her dedication and love for education and educating young minds to prepare them from pre-school through higher education and life!

Nancy is a woman of integrity whose work ethic is undeniably exceptional. Please consider Nancy's appointment as an integral member of the Board of Education who will work hard to effectively improve and/or institute policies to improve the education curriculum/system in the State of Hawaii.

I have been a volunteer for many nonprofit youth organizations for many years so I sign this letter first on behalf of my family and second as Kauai District Commissioner of the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

Sincerely, Ululani Levrena