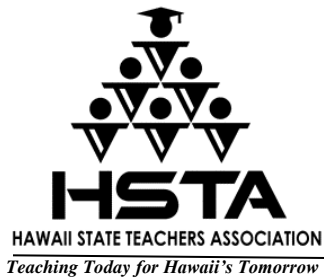


# GM 604/605

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

**Les Murashige**



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION

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DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

RE: GM 605 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, LESLIE MURASHIGE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE  
6-30-2018.

PERSON TESTIFYING: WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Michelle Kidani, Honorable Vice Chair Breene Harimoto and  
Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) **strongly supports GM 605** which  
submits for consideration the appointment of Leslie Murashige to the Hawaii Teachers  
Standards Board (HTSB).

Mr. Murashige has over thirty-seven years of airline experience, twenty-five years of  
executive leadership and management experience, including Customer Relations  
Management, IT Integration, Operations and Inventory Control, Reservations and Call  
Center, Contract Administration, Demand Forecasting and Statistical Analysis, Sales  
and Marketing, and Revenue Management.

Mr. Morishige's expertise is multi-faceted. He has worked with several airlines in  
business development, mentoring, and revenue management. Through his strong  
leadership, he was brought in to create, implement and develop new business  
opportunities as well as developed a working knowledge with program leaders on  
budget accountability and analysis.

HSTA believes that with his business experiences and contacts, Mr. Morishiges  
leadership can be adapted, modeled and applied to many of the functions of the Hawaii  
Teachers Standards Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and show our support for Les Murashige.

April 14, 2015

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Education

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**Re: GM 604 and GM 605, Consideration and Confirmation of Leslie Murashige to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board**

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing in support of GM 604 and GM 605, consideration and confirmation of Leslie Murashige for the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Murashige for several years. He has always shown great care and concern for others, and has always been willing to assist those in need. He would make a fantastic addition to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, and the State would be lucky to have someone with his level of professional experience serving the people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Christian Chambers  
355 Aoloa St. G205  
Kailua, HI 96734

Testimony in support of GM 604& 605.

Chairperson Senator Michelle Kidani and members of the committee, my name is Joan Lee Husted, the retired executive director of HSTA and one of the architects of the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board. I wholeheartedly support the Governor's nomination of Leslie Murashige as a member of the HTSB.

I have known Les for a number of years including his time as the President and COO of Island Air, the chief executive of Lanikila Pacific and as a member of the PBS Hawaii's Advisory Council. He clearly brings his business and non-profit experience to the board. In addition, I know he has a deep understanding of the role of teachers and what is needed to be successful in the classroom. He is an excellent choice.

I urge the committee to approve Mr. Murashige's nomination. Thank you for allowing me to testify.

April 15, 2015

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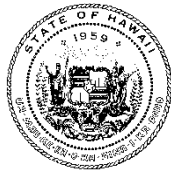
Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing in support of GM 604 and GM 605, consideration and confirmation of Leslie Murashige for the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Mr. Murashige would make an excellent addition to the board. He has shown that he is a man of integrity, and would bring with him a wealth of knowledge from dealing with the strict standards of the aviation and non-profit industries.

I humbly ask for your support and confirmation.

Sincerely,  
Lindsay Chambers  
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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD**  
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**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

GM602, 603, 604, 605, 606 and 610

Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 1:15 pm

Conference Room 229

Testimony of Lynn Hammonds, Executive Director, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of the following nominees to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board:

- GM602: Branden Kawazoe;
- GM603: Roxane Stewart;
- GM 604 and GM605: Leslie Murashige;
- GM606: Kariane Park Toyama;
- GM610: Steve Nakasato

While I do not yet know these individuals personally their qualifications indicate that they will become valued members of the board, representing teachers, principals and the public's interest in the preparation, licensure and continuing professional development for strong professional educators in our state. I have received only positive feedback and comments for each of these nominees and hope that you confirm them to be part of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President, and Members of the Senate

GM604 and GM605 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE MURASHIGE

Date of Hearing: 04-15-15 1:15PM

Location of Hearing: Conference Room 229

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate:

### Introduction

My name is Ross Fujimoto. I strongly support the selection and confirmation of Mr. Leslie Murashige as a Public Representative to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

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Having known and worked with Mr. Murashige for over ten years, he is well qualified to sit on this board because of his professional, educational and civic background. He will strive to provide strong direction and insight into setting licensing standards for our public school teachers so they, in turn, can foster high levels of student success.

### Closing

I strongly support the selection and confirmation of Mr. Leslie Murashige as a Public Representative to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Ross Fujimoto  
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April 10, 2015

Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair  
Senator Breen Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Education  
Hawaii State Senate

Ref: GM 604 & 605, Supporting Leslie Murashige's nomination to the  
Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Dear Senators Kidani and Harimoto:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Leslie Murashige's nomination. I first met Les when he was leading Island Air soon after its divestiture as an independent airline. In a fiercely competitive business, Les' leadership, intelligence and values earned him the respect of colleagues and competitors alike. It was a tremendous learning opportunity for me to observe Les negotiate complex issues with local, national and international interests. No matter what the situation, Les' leadership style inspires everyone to reflect back his honesty, selflessness and respectful nature. No matter where he is in the world, Les is a teacher and the embodiment of the Aloha Spirit.

Over the years, I have also had the pleasure to serve with Les on non-profit organizations and other community efforts. With his wife Stacy, Les' commitment to education has always been a priority and together they volunteered tirelessly to support teachers and students alike. Although sadly Stacy is no longer with us, Les continues their commitment to education and its power to make Hawaii and the world a better place.

I strongly support Les' nomination. While I am sure that there are others worthy of consideration, I believe that the timing is optimal both personally and professionally for Les to serve on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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April 9, 2015

The Honorable Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Education

**Testimony in Support of Leslie Murashige**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee for Teacher Standards Board**  
GM 604, GM 605

Wednesday, April 15, 2015  
1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

I have known Leslie Murashige in a professional capacity for over eight years, during his terms in executive leadership positions with Island Air and Lanakila Pacific. I strongly support his nomination as a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

Leslie's is a very well-rounded individual who will bring an informed perspective to the board. Having served in executive level positions with both profit and non-profit organizations, he has a proven ability to work with individuals of varying backgrounds and experiences and in organizations with very different missions. Leslie's likeable personality, intelligence, and sense of "aloha" for Hawaii make him a great fit for the Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teri Yamashige

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