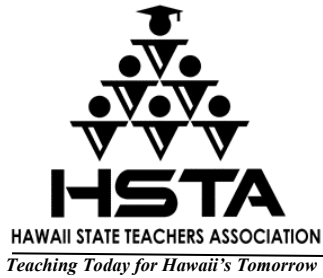


GM 606

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

Kariane Park Toyama



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
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DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

RE: G.M. 606 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KARIANE PARK TOYAMA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
6-30-2017

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 G.M. 606** which
submits for consideration the appointment of Kariane Park Toyama to the Hawaii
Teachers Standards Board (HTSB).

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and show our support for Kariane Park. She
has been teaching since 1999 In the Department of Education. She is currently a 3rd
grade teacher at Waihee Elementary School. Ms. Park has represented the Hawaii
State Teachers Association in many leadership roles over the years. She takes pride in
being the best at what he does and is conscientious about investing the time it takes to
know most about what she represents. With her perspective and experiences she has
the ability to provide feedback on a myriad of teacher issues.

Ms. Park is committed to support and maintain the highest standards and accountability
for all teachers in the State of Hawaii. With this appointment she will be able to help
facilitate and educate others about the teacher licensing process. We urge you to
approve her recommendation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and show our support for Ms. Kariane Park
Toyama.

Testimony for Public Hearing
Committee on Education
April 15, 2015

Beri Otsubo
52 Keoneloā Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Good afternoon Committee on Education Members. My name is Beri Otsubo and I am an educator on the island of Maui. Kariane Park Toyama has been nominated to serve as part of the Hawai'i Teachers Standards Board and I would like you to support this nomination. Kariane is a honest, trustworthy, dependable and hard working person. I believe that she will be a great part to this board in making fair decisions.

As a teacher, Kariane is known to review and analyze the common core state standards so she can insure that she is prepared to help her students meet or exceed what is expected of them. In the same way she could not only set the standards but, help other educators learn and understand what will be required of them.

Thank you for taking the time to read my recommendation and again I ask for your consideration in selecting Kariane Park Toyama for the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Sincerely,

Beri Otsubo

Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Education

Date: April 15, 2015

RE: GM 606 /Gubernatorial Nomination for Kariane Park-Toyama to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

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

It is my great pleasure to know Kariane Park-Toyama and I wholeheartedly vouch for her personal character and her nomination for the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

I have known Kari for more than 10 years, since we first worked together at Lihikai Elementary School. We quickly became friends on a personal and professional level at that Hawaii State Teachers Association. I have learned a great deal about her and her abilities, and I know she would do well if given the opportunity to serve on the board.

Kari's determination is the key in succeed in her teaching career. She consistently gets her students to participate in her class activities regularly. Her knowledge of the subject area convinced me to ask her to run as treasurer of the Maui HSTA executive board for the chapter. At first it was a challenge, but she met it with great success. She help lead the chapter in our activities and always balanced her time, so she can help anyone who needs assistance.

During the years I've known her, Kari has worked to greatly improve her own confidence in her abilities. Due to her knowledge and great aptitude for learning, Kari would be an excellent Hawaii Teacher Standards Board member. She will be great asset, and I have no doubts that her abilities and determination will continue to serve the teachers and the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely

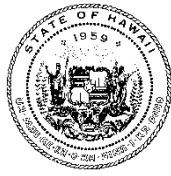
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THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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.

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Comments: I have had the honor to work with Kariane for the past 15 years. We have taught together, worked on committees together, and represented HSTA as reps. She is a very knowledgeable person and is always willing to better herself. I think serving on this board will give her the opportunity to be a dependable spokesperson for teachers.

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