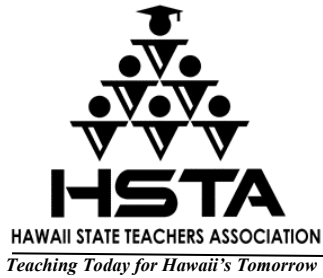


# GM 610

Hawaii Teacher Standards Board

**Steve Nakasato**



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

RE: G.M. 610 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, STEVE NAKASATO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016

PERSON TESTIFYING: WIL OKABE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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

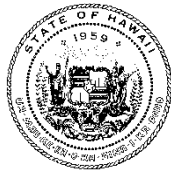
The Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) supports the appointment of Steve  
Nakasato to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Mr. Nakasato has been a teacher  
and principal of the Department of Education for more than 17 years.

He is involved in both educational and community activities as well as his experience  
beginning from a teacher to a recognized Principal and scholar.

We are confident that his expertise, enthusiasm, and dedication to education as well as  
to the community will be a great asset to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (Board).  
The board is a very important vehicle by which the public is assured that teachers in the  
classrooms are qualified to teach. There are standards to which teachers must meet.  
These standards are set by the Board and those who set and monitor standards must  
themselves be of the highest caliber. Mr. Nakasato has the experience in this level of  
competency.

We urge this committee to confirm the appointment of Mr. Steve Nakasato to the Hawaii  
Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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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.