

GM 782

Board of Education

Hubert Minn

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April 14, 2015

The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Chair
and Members
Senate Education Committee
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Kidani and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

SUBJECT: Hubert Minn, GM-782

I am writing in strong support of Hubert Minn's nomination to the Board of Education.

I have known Hubert Minn since I first entered into politics almost two decades ago. He has become a friend, advisor and a mentor of the highest level. Over this time, I have gotten to know Hubert very well and have seen him perform in all types of situations, from being an extraordinary loving caregiver to his ailing wife, an excellent father to his two children, including one with special needs, and a caring son to his elderly parents. He is a tireless and compassionate supporter to his friends and a committed and dedicated public servant who always looked to do his job for the right reasons in the right way. Why do I say all of this? It is because it goes to Hubert's extraordinary character. Character is extremely important when serving on the Board of Education. It is such an important Board that we cannot afford to miss the opportunity to appoint a member of the highest caliber.

Hubert excels above many others in three distinct ways that will serve the public well on the Board of Education. The first is leadership. Simply put, Hubert is able to lead people in a way that people want to follow him. He does this first by listening, and then helping the group make decisions that become the idea of the whole, not just his idea, and are therefore supported by a substantial majority of the group he is involved with. This a gift that I have seen him exercise on numerous occasions. Great leadership skills are necessary to serve effectively on the Board of Education.

Second, there are not many people who are as organized as Hubert. He can see not only the immediate road ahead, but miles down the road, around unseen turns and dangerous conditions, and marshal the people and resources to get to the end goal. There is not more of a complex Organization than the Department of Education. Hubert has a historical view and understanding of this Organization, as a teacher and then as a former elected member of the Board of Education. With this institutional knowledge, he will be able to organize all the facts necessary to help the Board implement policy to improve our public school system.

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Three, Hubert is a teacher in the broadest sense, and in some ways this is his strongest attribute, particularly for a position on the Board of Education. He is able to teach the people around him how to navigate and find a way through a difficult problem. He doesn't do this simply by walking people to the answer. He does it by allowing people to find the way to the answer through teaching moments and by presenting tangible examples that lead to a better understanding of the problem and the best solution. This is extremely important in helping a Board that will be grappling with some very complex issues on how to develop solutions to the educational challenges facing Hawaii's public school system.

For the above reasons, and many others, I can think of no better person to serve on the Board of Education. Governor Ige's nomination of Hubert Minn is an excellent one that will benefit generations of Hawaii public school children. I hope the Education Committee will unanimously move Hubert Minn's nomination to the full Senate for confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Hubert Minn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", with a decorative flourish at the end.

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Senate Committee on Education
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

April 17, 2015

This testimony is in support for GM782, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, Hubert Minn, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and Committee Members:

The Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) is a diverse coalition of over 40 parent and community organizations dedicated to improving student achievement by increasing family and community engagement and partnerships in our schools. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition supports Mr. Minn's nomination. We are pleased that he has experience as an educator, a former Board of Education member as well as experience in government administration.

One of HE'E Coalition's priorities is to provide the community voice to influence public policy that affects education. Therefore, we attend BOE meetings on a regular basis. The Coalition was active in providing its voice to the Department of Education's (DOE's) Strategic Plan, advocating that family-school partnerships and community engagement be included the plan. We are appreciative of the DOE and BOE's support of our advocacy, as many of our recommendations for the Strategic Plan have been included. We encourage incoming Board Members to be supportive of family and community engagement in our public education system. As the BOE is a policy-making entity, we also appreciate BOE member support in our efforts to give input and feedback educational policy issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. The support of this Governor's Message represents 75% consensus or more of our voting membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

Academy 21

After-School All-Stars Hawaii

Alliance for Place Based Learning

*Castle Complex Community Council

Coalition for Children with Special Needs

*DOE Windward District

*Faith Action for Community Equity

Fresh Leadership LLC

Girl Scouts Hawaii

*Good Beginnings Alliance

Harold K.L. Castle Foundation

*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars

*Hawai'i Charter School Network

*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition

*Hawaii State PTSA

Hawai'i State Student Council

Hawai'i State Teachers Association

Hawai'i P-20

Hawai'i 3Rs

Head Start Collaboration Office

It's All About Kids

*INPEACE

Joint Venture Education Forum

Junior Achievement of Hawaii

Kamehameha Schools

Kanu Hawai'i

Keiki to Career Kaua'i

Kupu A'e

*Leaders for the Next Generation

Learning First

McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds

Our Public School

*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

*Parents and Children Together

*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i

Punahou School PUEO Program

Teach for America

The Learning Coalition

US PACOM

University of Hawai'i College of Education

YMCA of Honolulu

Voting Members (*)

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Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Chairperson of the Hawaii Committee on Education
Bill No. GM 782
Friday, April 17, 2015
1:15pm
Conference Room 229

Senator Kidani:

My name is Barry Lindenman and I have known and worked very closely with Mr. Hubert P. Minn for several years. I am writing to you in support of Bill No. GM 782, to support the nomination of Mr. Minn to the Hawaii State Board of Education.

In addition to his passion for education, another of Mr. Minn's passion is the sport of boxing. Our mutual love of the sport is how I was first introduced to Mr. Minn. Together, we have both served on the Ring Officials Committee of the World Boxing Council (WBC). I have always known Mr. Minn to be both professional and respectful to all parties in his dealings as Chairman of the WBC Ring Officials Committee. Not only have I found him to be open to sharing his ideas but also open to hearing new ideas from others.

In conclusion, for the reasons stated above, I would like to restate my strong support of Bill No. 782 in supporting the nomination of Mr. Hubert P. Minn to the Hawaii State Board of Education.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Lindenman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Maeshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Hubert Min for many years. He has been an excellent teacher and I respect his integrity and honesty in dealing with educational issues. He will be an excellent choice for this position.

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Dennis Enomoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that Hubert Minn will be an outstanding Member on the Board of Education. He is a doer and has the best interest of the students in his heart. Thank you, Dennis Enomoto

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Derek Kimura	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Matsukawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HUBERT P. MINN , Gubernatorial nominee, for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education for the term expiring 6-30-2018.

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Don Aweau
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April 16, 2015

Testimony to the Committee on Education
Friday, April 16, 2015
1:15 PM
State Capitol – Conference Room 229

Re: GM 782 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Board of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, HUBERT P. MINN, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and the support of the Committee members on the appointment of Mr. Hubert Minn to become a member of the Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration to this Governor's message.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Don Aweau

April 11, 2015

Senate Committee
State of Hawaii

Re: **GM782**- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education,
Governatorial Nominee, Hubert P Minn

Honorable Senators:

I have known Hu Minn for over thirty (30) years in the capacity of being a friend, boxing official and as an educator. I have also served with Hu on committees and watch his passion to move forward in improving his skills and helping others.

I sincerely recommend Hu Minn to be confirmed to the appointment to serve on the State Board of Educating for the State of Hawaii. I would like it to me known that he is honorable and a trusted individual and that he has compassion for the less fortunate.

Regards,



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Evelyn Nakaya	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iris Miyata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Having taught for 35 years in the state of Hawaii, I support the nomination of Hubert Minn for the Board of Education. Hubert is a man of integrity and compassion for the children of Hawaii. He works hard to support his beliefs and continues to give to his community and state. He has fresh new ideas for the improvement and standards of our educational system in Hawaii. He will be an asset to your board of education.

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March 16, 2015

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 782 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education,
Gubernatorial Nominee, HUBERT P. MINN, for a term to expire 6-30-2018

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

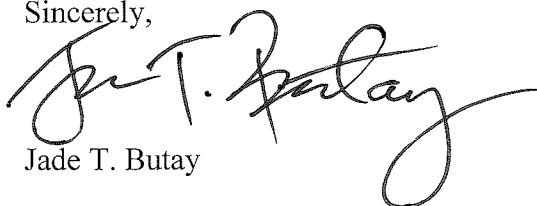
I've known Mr. Hubert Minn for a couple of years and one thing that stands out is that he is a leader. He has consistently surpassed expectations with hard work and clear dedication. If you take a look at his background, one can understand why. From working with him on projects he is the kind of leader who has a working style of being completely open and accessible. He believes that the best solutions are reached when every stakeholder has a voice and an opportunity to be heard. It's acceptable to differ on issues, but it's not acceptable to refuse to listen and consider everyone's views. Mr. Minn believes that no one person alone has all of the answers, but collectively, we can find all the answers we need.

Mr. Minn's background and experience is so broad and varied that one might call him a man for all seasons. He has a long and distinguished career in government, and I am pleased that he is now willing to bring that sort of hands-on, real life experience as a Board of Education member. He brings a fresh perspective and I look forward to watching him chart a future course for the education success of all of our students.

I am encouraged that the Governor has nominated such an extraordinarily highly capable person who has demonstrated a commitment to the State. He cares deeply about the very purpose of the Board of Education. He understands that education is critical to the success of our children, and education is critical to the success of our State. He knows that there is nothing more important we can do than to get our children off to a great start in their life.

Mr. Minn is a man with great integrity and the Board of Education will benefit from his hard work, dedication, and experience. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of a truly great public servant.

Sincerely,



Jade T. Butay

April 10, 20015

Re: Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to recommend Hubert Minn for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education. Hubert has done extensive work in helping students and teachers through Total Quality Learning. David Langford who, like Hubert, was a classroom teacher, who saw the need to incorporate quality concepts into the classroom, originated the TQL organization. Total Quality Learning is now nationally utilized. Hubert was very instrumental in forming our TQL groups at Wahiawa Middle School and Leilehua H.S. Our groups learned to apply the TQL philosophy and, in turn, taught this to peers and students. Hubert has consistently used his time, enthusiasm and energy to develop effective ways of building teamwork and to help people use this skill in relating to others in the work place. His experience as an entrepreneur has also helped him help teachers, students, and parents view evidence of their work done in various organizations. Hubert has been recognized by local, state and national organizations for his efforts. His initiative demonstrates his ability to be a productive contributor to the state of Hawaii.

I am confident that Hubert Minn will be a great asset to the Board of Education and I highly recommend him for this position.

Sincerely,

John K. Sadowski
Teacher, Coach, and Teacher Mentor (ret.)
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Serikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hubert Minn is exactly what the BOE needs. He is perfect for this.

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 782

Senate Committee on Education

April 17, 2015, 1:15 p.m. | Hawai'i State Legislature | Room 229

To: Honorable Senate Committee on EDU Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Chair,
Honorable Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair; Honorable EDU Committee
Members

From: Jovanie de la Cruz, Oahu Residence.

Dear Senate Committee on EDU Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Chair; Sen. Breene Harimoto,
Vice Chair; and Senate EDU Committee Members:

I am Jovanie de la Cruz, a residence here in the City and County of Honolulu. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Hubert P. Minn as Member of the City and County of Honolulu Board of Education.

I had the honor and privilege of working with Mr. Minn in several occasions. His extraordinary humility and quiet demeanor belies a toughness of character and integrity to do what's right. I have seen this side of him on many instances when hard decisions had to be made. Mr. Minn is a great leader who leads by example and harmoniously works with others to achieve the common good. He will definitely be of immense value to the Board of Education and to Governor Ige's administration.

I strongly urge the committee to move forward with his confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Respectfully,

Jovanie de la Cruz

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Keith K. Hiraoka	Individual	Support	No

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Lon Paresa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Mr. Hubert Minn for the Board of Education.

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Michael Freitas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of GM 782 confirming Gubernatorial Nominee Mr. Hubert to the Board of Education.

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Pamela Agena	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phyllis Nakasuji	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hugh is an excellent choice for the Board of Education with his years of experience in our unique State public education system. His ability to think rationally with critical thinking skills will undoubtedly support wise decisions for our Hawaii students.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raymond Sugai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Mr. Hubert Minn, who is a nominee to the Board of Education. I've known him as a secondary teacher with the DOE, a former BOE member, and a parent of a student who attended the school where I served as a principal. He has the qualifications, experiences, and the passion to have all of Hawaii's children succeed. I strongly support Mr. Hubert Minn's nomination.

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As a retired veteran of 31 years Law Enforcement in California, I believe that a man is only as good as his word and reputation. Consequently, I do not heap praise lightly.

That being said, I can tell you that in my opinion, Mr. Hubert P. Minn is one of the finest men of honor and integrity I know. His word is his bond, and his integrity above reproach.

It is my opinion that Mr. Minn would be of great benefit to the Board of Education, and it is my privilege to fully endorse him at this time.

Sincerely,

Steve Morrow

World Boxing Council

North American Boxing Federation

Hollister, California.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Goya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm writing in strong support of gubernatorial nominee, Hubert P. Minn, for your consideration and confirmation to the Board of Education whose term expires on 6-30-2018.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Bosworth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a retired Special Education Teacher who is committed to improving our public education system, I strongly support: GM782- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Bd Of Education, Gubernatorial Nominee, Hubert P Minn for a term to expire 6-30-2018. Mr. Minn has the requisite skills and experience needed to both understand public education in Hawaii and to take a leadership role in moving us forward. I highly recommend his appointment to the Board of Education. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Sincerely, Valerie Bosworth

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