

GM 785

Early Learning Advisory Board

Ann Tom



April 16th, 2015

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Hearing Number: GM785
DATE: Friday, April 17, 2015
TIME: 1:15pm
PLACE: Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Eva Daniels, Executive Director, and Linda Schumacher, Accreditation Council Chair of the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) are testifying on Hearing # GM785, and are in favor of confirming to the Early Learning Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN M. TOM, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Ann Tom has extensive knowledge and experience in the early childhood field, as demonstrated by her work on the NAFCC Accreditation Council for the past year. During Ms. Tom's year on the council, she has completed exceptional work on several subcommittees, including the Recommendations Task Force and Quality Standards Revision Team. Both of these groups work on the ongoing task of revising the NAFCC Quality Standards to represent best practices in the field of family child care. Ms. Tom contributes carefully crafted revisions which not only represent current best practices but are worded to be clear and relevant to candidates for accreditation.

Ann Tom is a hard worker, demonstrated by her ability to meet all deadlines and to keep pace with the work load of the council as a whole, and the busy subcommittees for which she volunteers. Ms. Tom doesn't hesitate to step forward to help in any way she can with the work of the council.

Ann Tom will be a valuable representation of the family child care field on Hawaii's Early Learning Advisory Board. Family child care is a strong and important component of early learning in Hawaii and in the United States, offering flexible, quality child care in a home-like setting. Ms. Tom's experience with family child care specifically will benefit Hawaii's Early Learning Advisory Board tremendously.

In closing, Ann Tom is an ideal candidate for the Early Learning Advisory Board. We are confident that she will work hard toward the projects and initiatives put forth to this important group. We support the confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN M. TOM, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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Comments: Ann Tom is an excellent choice to fill this slot in the ELAB. Ann Tom has experience in Family Child Care (FCC), which is a very under-represented demographic in this group. FCC representation is nearly impossible to have on this group as meetings are always held during normal hours of operation for child care providers; this is evidenced by the long standing gap without FCC representation on this board. Ann Tom also has a strong sense of what is necessary to support and elevate the quality of FCC in Hawaii as she has invaluable experience with the UH-Center on the Family, Quality Care Program and through her experience in helping to develop and implement the State's Quality Rating and Improvement System pilot. Ann Tom is also a veteran trainer in the field of Early Childhood, and has herself been trained in the most current assessments for child care environments and parent teacher interactions. Please strongly consider this nominee.

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April 17, 2015

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair Senate Committee on Education and Members of the Senate
Committee on Education

From: GG Weisenfeld

RE: GM785, GM786, GM787: Early Learning Advisory Board Nominees

Chair Kidani and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am presenting testimony in support of the following three nominees for the Early Learning Advisory Board: Ann Tom, Douglas Mersberger, and Nalani Mattox-Primacio.

I am a private citizen who is interested in advancing early learning in our state.

I personally know all three nominees and think they would be valuable contributors to the Early Learning Advisory Board. All three have established themselves as experts in three out of the four early childhood settings officially recognized in Hawaii: Family Child Care homes; center-based programs, and Family Child Interaction Learning programs. In addition, they are all contributors to statewide policy discussions, present on the national scene, and well respected by their peers; all of which would make them valuable members of the ELAB.

I therefore support the nominations of Ann Tom (GM 785); Douglas Mersberger (GM 786); and Nalani Mattox-Primacio (GM 787) to the Early Learning Advisory Board. I urge the committee to confirm these three candidates.

Thank you for your support in advancing early learning in Hawaii.

GG Weisenfeld

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From:
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Dear Senator Kidani,

I would like to submit my support for Ann Tom as the Family Child Care representative on the Hawaii Early Learning Advisory Board. Ann has a wealth of first hand experience having been a family child care provider for 8 years. She also teaches the infant/toddler PATCH series and authors the UHM Quality Child Care newsletter. Ann can speak candidly about the realities of running a home-based center, projects a quiet and easy confidence while conducting classes and newsletters are always well organized and articulated. Ann Tom will definitely be a most valuable asset to the ELAB with her knowledge base and sincere interest and support of Hawaii's child care.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Helene Kuwaye

Licensed Family Child Care Provider

**GM785, Nomination of Ann Tom to Early Learning Advisory Board
Testimony of Marianne Berry**

I would like to provide strong support of Ann Tom as a nominee to the Early Learning Advisory Board. I have known Ann for almost two years in my role as director of the Center on the Family at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ann is a tireless advocate for children and families in Hawaii and has an impressive resume and credentials in Early Learning. Ann Tom will provide that expertise and experience to the Board in a collegial and professional manner. I highly support her nomination.