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Bill Number GM806

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Aloha mai e Kakou,

My name is Jamie M. Dela Cruz and I have been engaged in the Hawaii Department of Education's moral purpose of educating our keiki since my return in 1999. Through this journey I have met and worked with many inspirational leaders. With this in mind, I am testifying in favor of Carmelita Minami being confirmed to the Education Commission Of The States per Bill GM806 and the following measure:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Education Commission Of The States, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARMIELITA MINAMI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Dr. Minami has been an educator in Hawai'i for more than three decades. She has a compelling history—an educational journey which encompasses most levels and areas of education and our educational system. Her comprehensive understanding of education, the levers associated with specific and impactful leadership to empower educators and the educational community, as well as her work in building capacity of our leadership pipeline for Hawai'i more than qualifies her for this consideration to the Education Commission Of The States. I believe in her ability to absorb and synthesize information, lead through coaching and collaboration, and facilitate in any venue. This skill set is the cornerstone of an instructional, dynamic educational leader. My current association with Dr. Minami is that of colleague and partner in the National School Leaders Network which is now the Collaborative Leaders Network. I have had the pleasure, also of presenting to her [Hawaii Certification Institute for School Leaders \(HICISL\)](#) cohorts. She is instrumental in building and ensuring the educational leadership of Hawai'i through this career pathway for our administrators. I am one of her successes and continue to look to her mentorship. Her facilitative leadership and ability to collaboratively coach helps all of us to be successful and effective leaders who empower our educators and thus our future, our keiki.

Dr. Carmelita Minami is the perfect choice for this commission and will represent Hawai'i nei with aloha, intelligence, and skill. Again, I testify in favor of and in full support with no reservation for the confirmation of Dr. Carmelita Minami to the Education Commission Of The States.

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Comments: This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mrs. Carmielita Minami to serve as a member of the Education Commission of States. Mrs. Minami is more than qualified and would well represent the heart of education in Hawaii. The various capacities she in which she has served and continue to serve provide a broad range of knowledge and experience regarding education and leadership in education.

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Roland 'Bud' Jenkins	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I write in support of the appointment of Carmielita Minami to the Education Commission of the States. Dr. Minami is an outstanding educator and principal and I recommend approval of her appointment, without reservation, to the commission. Roland 'Bud' Jenkins, Interim Dean, College of Natural and Computational Sciences, Hawaii Pacific University

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