

## STATE OF HAWAI'I

### HAWAI'I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

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April 7, 2021

## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PERSON TESTIFYING:** Lynn Hammonds, HTSB Executive Director DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 TIME: 3:00 PM **LOCATION:** Conference Room 229, by videoconference **REGARDING:** GM 788: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVELYN HAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2025. GM 789: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLEN MIYASATO, for a term to expire 06-30-2022. GM 790: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATINA SOARES, for a term to expire 06-30-2022. GM 791: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JONATHAN **GILLENTINE**, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

# Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Mercado Kim, and Members of the Senate Education Committee on Education:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HSTB) <u>strongly supports GM 788, GM 789, GM 790, and GM</u> <u>791, for your consideration of the following individuals for confirmation as members of the HTSB.</u>

**GM 788: Davelyn Lokelani Han** currently serves the HTSB as its Legislative Committee Chairperson. Ms. Han's multiple perspectives on charter schools, Hawaiian language immersion, and Neighbor Island classroom teaching have been valuable in consideration of HTSB policy and effect on these constituent groups.

**GM 791**: **Dr. Jonathan Gillentine**, is a highly respected Hawaii educator in the field of early childhood education and special education. Dr. Gillentine is recognized both statewide and on the national level and was a 2017 inductee into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. He has also served as an officer of the Hawaii State Teachers Association, on numerous teacher preparation program accreditation review teams, and previously as a member and chair of the HTSB. The HTSB and all Hawaii educators would benefit from Dr. Gillentine's service as a board member representing the public.

Two vacancies on the HTSB are in the area of school administrator representation. While I do not know these nominees personally, their resumes indicate that they would bring relevant and valuable training and experience to the board.

**GM 789: Glen Miyasato** brings experience as a classroom teacher, school administration at the elementary level, as well as experience at a Hawaiian Immersion school.

**GM 790: Dr. Katina Sores** has served as a school administrator and school counselor, bringing service as a Neighbor Island high school administrator.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of these four individuals for your consideration for membership on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

<u>GM-789</u> Submitted on: 3/31/2021 3:17:53 PM Testimony for EDU on 4/7/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa DeLong	Testifying for Hawaii Teacher Standards Board	Support	No

## Comments:

I support the nomination of Glen Miyasato to become a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

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April 05, 2021

Ms. Lynn Hammond, Executive Director Hawaii Teacher Standards Board 650 Iwilei Road, Suite #268 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Ms. Hammond and Members of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board,

My name is Louise Cayetano, a former Board member of the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board. It give me great pleasure to highly recommend my principal, Mr. Glen Miyasato to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, representing the school administrators.

Mr. Miyasato is a dedicated educator, partnership builder, community engager and models what a life-long learner does. He is never afraid to roll up his sleeves to do the work like everyone else. He continually seeks to understand the unknowns and does not let it deter him. His background knowledge on Hawaiian language and culture, will benefit the Board during discussions on licensure, Hawaiian language charter schools and their accreditation.

Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information.

Aloha,

Louise K. Cayetano