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Location: CR 229 & Videoconference

Committee: EDU

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: GM656, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DALE ARAKAKI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

Department's Position:

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department) supports Dale Arakaki's nomination to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board (HTSB).

Mr. Arakaki is a dynamic, certified professional school administrator who has dedicated over thirty years of service to the Department. His extensive career within our public school system demonstrates a deep-seated commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of Hawai'i's children and their communities.

In his role as the Principal of Pauoa Elementary School, Mr. Arakaki oversaw both administrative and instructional leadership. Prior to this role, he served as a Vice-Principal at Waipahu Elementary School and Kamaile Elementary School, where he gained significant experience in mentoring school personnel, managing resources, and utilizing data for school improvement.

He has a proven track record of promoting the professional growth of faculty and staff, which is a core component of the HTSB mission. Throughout his career, he has been recognized by colleagues and supervisors for his collaborative management style, effective communication, and ability to earn the respect and trust of teachers, parents, and students.

The Department respectfully urges this Committee to confirm Dale Arakaki to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.