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Lisa DeLong

Nomination to the Hawaii
Teacher Standards Board

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1. Why did you decide to apply to serve on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board?

The HTSB plays a pivotal role in ensuring that every Hawaii public school student is taught by a highly qualified and effective teacher. This board sets and reviews teacher licensing standards, issues and renews teacher licenses, and approves teacher education programs. With my background as a teacher, administrator, and complex area superintendent, I believe that, as a board member, I can both inform the board and make informed decisions. The United States was founded on principles of democracy. As an HTSB board member, I want to ensure that every public school student in the state of Hawaii is guaranteed a viable education and well prepared for college, career opportunities, and productive citizenship.

2. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

As an HTSB board member, it will be my responsibility to ensure that every student in Hawaii's public school system is taught by a highly qualified and effective teacher. I decided that I wanted to become a teacher when, as a student at Kalaheo High School, I had the opportunity to tutor students with hearing impairments at a nearby elementary school. At the University of Hawaii, I majored in elementary education and eventually earned a Masters degree in special education. While in college, I volunteered in a variety of settings, from working with severely disabled students at Leahi Hospital and the Special Education Center for Oahu to participating in an exchange program at Boston College where I worked with students with learning disabilities at a progressive elementary school in Brookline, Massachusetts. I have since served as a teacher, vice principal, principal, and complex area superintendent in the Hawaii public school system. As the principal of Kahuku High and Intermediate School from 2000 to 2009 I worked with the school community to launch the AVID program to promote a college going culture, move the school into Smaller Learning Communities, and was recognized as the Hawaii's 2005 National Association for Secondary School Principal of the Year. These experiences have provided me with a foundation from which I can build as I work on the HTSB board.

3. What do you perceive the role and responsibility of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board as it relates to teacher quality and student achievement?

Good teaching matters. Irrefutable evidence from researchers such as Judith Warren-Little, Rick Dufour, and Mike Schmoker shows that teacher quality impacts student achievement. As an HTSB board member, I will influence policies and practices that promote the high quality training and selection of

teachers. I understand that my decisions will impact 184,213 students who attend 291 schools within the Hawaii public school system. I will work to boost student achievement by attending to the quality of teacher preparation, recruitment, licensure, hiring, assignment and ongoing professional development.

- 4) Because of long-standing legislative concerns, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board was audited by the State Auditor in 2009. What progress has been made in your tenure and what more could or should be done to improve the perception and effectiveness of HTSB?

The HSTB has significantly improved oversight and management since the 2009 audit. For example, almost 100% of Hawaii Department of Education teachers are now current with their licensing requirements. As the principal of Kailua Intermediate School, I work with teachers who are applying to both the Department of Education and the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to earn basic teaching credentials. I can use their feedback about this process to inform and improve HTSB work.

- 5) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I can't think of any conflicts at this time.

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Testimony

**TESTIMONY OF LYNN HAMMONDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
on
October 30, 2013 at 2:30 pm
in
Conference Room 414**

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA DELONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

and

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT PARKER, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** for Lisa DeLong and Scott Parker, nominees to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB).

Input from school administrators is invaluable as the HTSB forms licensure and teacher preparation policies which impact Hawaii teachers, school counselors, school librarians and the Department of Education.

Lisa DeLong brings experience as a classroom teacher, principal and complex area superintendent and holds two master's degrees in special education and school administration. She is currently completing final requirements for her doctorate. Ms. DeLong is also the recipient of numerous awards, including both Hawaii Vice Principal of the Year and Secondary Principal of the Year.

Scott Parker also brings a combination of teacher and administrator preparation as well as experience as principal at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. He, too, is a doctoral candidate, expecting to complete his degree in 2014. Mr. Parker also serves as a member of the Hawaii Air National Guard, which exemplifies his belief in "service before self".

Both candidates possess a winning combination of preparation and experience which makes them credible to members of the profession and inspires confidence among licensees in the field. As interim appointees, they have both attended meetings and contributed to formation of policy and decision making.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the confirmation hearing but our Education Specialist, Carolyn Gyuran, will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.



October 30, 2013
2:30 p.m.; Conference Room 414

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

RE: GM2 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA DELONG, for a term to expire 6-30-16

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and the members of the committee,

My name is Robert Witt and I am executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents 99 private and independent schools in Hawaii and educates over 33,000 students statewide.

I am writing in **strong support** of Lisa DeLong's confirmation to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

In her role as principal of Kailua Intermediate School and former Leeward Complex Area Superintendent covering Nanakuli and Waianae, Lisa is committed to bringing all stakeholders to the table to solve some of Hawaii's largest education problems. She is innovative in her beliefs and has found success when teachers in her complex area relied on project-based learning paired with technology to turn upside down the traditional school model of one teacher lecturing at the front of the classroom. This forced the students to take control of their own learning and teachers were provided with training to support the students in this progressive style of education.

I strongly urge you to confirm Lisa DeLong to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. The Board and the State of Hawaii will be well served by her participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Erin Conner

From: Kathleen Nullet <kathleen.nullet@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 2:51 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Lisa DeLong/HTSB

October 26, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend that you nominate Ms. Lisa DeLong as a board member for the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I currently work as a librarian at Kailua Intermediate, where Ms. DeLong serves as principal. I have worked closely with this exceptional leader on school and community initiatives and believe that she is a highly visible and dynamic leader.

I strongly support Ms. DeLong's for this leadership position. Her initiatives at Kailua Intermediate have helped to bring pride and recognition to the school, improved the campus atmosphere, and ultimately improved student performance. I believe that she would bring these same skills to her work as a Hawaii Teacher Standards Board member.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Nullet
Kailua Intermediate Librarian

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Kathleen Nullet

Erin Conner

From: Wess_Unten/KAILUAI/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 3:52 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Letter in Support of L. DeLong

October 25, 2013

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you to ask that you support Lisa DeLong's nomination by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I am currently a vice principal serving with Ms. DeLong at Kailua Intermediate School. I also completed my administrative training year under Ms. DeLong at Kailua Intermediate School. I believe that she has a strong background in education and would make informed and thoughtful decisions as a board member. I strongly support Ms. DeLong for this leadership position and believe that she would represent the best interests of all role groups as she works to serve our young people in public education. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely Yours,

Wess Unten
Vice Principal

Erin Conner

From: lorey ishihara <loreyishihara@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 7:58 PM
To: EDU Testimony
Subject: Letter of Support for Lisa DeLong

October 25, 2013

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you to ask that you support Lisa DeLong's nomination by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. I was a social studies teacher at Kahuku High and Intermediate throughout the nine-year period during which Ms. DeLong served as principal. Throughout her tenure at this home of the Red Raiders, she exceeded all of the expectations of the school community. She has continued to develop her leadership skills as an area superintendent and middle school principal at Kailua Intermediate.

While at Kahuku, she implemented innovative programs such as the AVID mentoring program for students who are traditionally under-represented in college, a Smaller Learning Communities initiative that provides relevance through community partnerships, and a 21st Century Learning Communities grant that supports after-school activities. She recently brought interested groups together to form the Kahuku Innovation and Renewable Energy Center, a collaboration that aims to build a green-collar workforce by providing mentoring and real-world contexts for the school's STEM and Construction Academy programs.

She also worked with community groups through the Ko'olauloa Education Alliance Corporation, a school, business and community partnership that supported K-12 college and career activities within the complex and supported the school's student initiated Kahuku.org website. She has worked closely with school, community and military partners to complete more than 100 service projects on campus each year on Make a Difference Day and annual 3R's projects to upgrade the campus.

I strongly support Lisa DeLong for this leadership position and believe that she would represent the best interests of all role groups as she works to serve our young people in public education. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely Yours,

Lorey Ishihara
Teacher, Kahuku High and Intermediate

Erin Conner

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 10:40 AM
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Submitted on: 10/29/2013

Testimony for on Oct 30, 2013 14:30PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
Terry Lynn Holck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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