

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 2, 3

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Second Special Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 2 and 3, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAI'I TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

G.M. No. 2 LISA DELONG,
 for a term to expire 6-30-2016; and

G.M. No. 3 SCOTT PARKER,
 for a term to expire 6-30-2016,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Lisa DeLong and Scott Parker to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

LISA DELONG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Lisa DeLong from the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that Ms. DeLong received a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ms. DeLong went on to receive a Master's degree in Education Administration and a Master's of Education Certification in Special Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



Ms. DeLong is the Principal of Kailua Intermediate School. She has also served as the Complex Area Superintendent for the Nanakuli-Waianae Area Complex, Principal and Vice Principal of Kahuku High and Intermediate School, Writing and Technology Coordinator at Kailua Elementary School, and a special education teacher at Barbers Point Elementary.

Ms. DeLong has received several professional awards, including being named the National Association of Secondary School Principals' (NASSP) Hawaii State Vice Principal of the Year in 1999 and NASSP's Hawaii State Secondary Principal of the Year in 2005.

Ms. DeLong testified that her experience as a teacher, administrator, and complex area superintendent will help her make informed decisions to ensure that every public school student is taught by a highly qualified and effective teacher.

Your Committee finds that Ms. DeLong's commitment and passion for education, as well as her diverse professional background make her an outstanding addition to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

SCOTT PARKER

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Scott Parker from the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board, Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition of from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Parker received a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Physical Education and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Education Program of the University of Southern California and is expected to graduate in the Spring of 2014.

Mr. Parker is currently the Principal of President Thomas Jefferson Elementary School (Jefferson). In addition to serving as Jefferson's Principal, Mr. Parker is a member of the Hawaii Air National Guard, 204th Airlift Squadron.

Mr. Parker stated that he believes the responsibility of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board is to ensure that teachers have a clear understanding of the responsibilities and requirements of



being awarded a license to teach in the State. He also commented that the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board must create a positive climate for teachers, while imparting stringent criteria and upholding the highest standards so that only highly qualified teachers are licensed to teach in the State.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Parker will bring valuable experience, knowledge, and leadership to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that are attached this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



