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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Gerald Teramae is a outstanding educator who has been a leader in both private and public education in Hawaii. I firmly support his nomination to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

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April 16, 2015

The Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
The Senate  
Regular Session of 2015  
Committee on Education

Attention: Senator Michelle N. Kidani  
Chairman  
Senator Breene Harimoto.  
Vice Chairman

Regarding: Bill Number GM 788  
Friday, April 17, 2015  
1:15pm Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senators Kidani and Harimoto,

My name is Lauree Sakaida and I am a kindergarten teacher at `Iolani School. I would like to make an endorsement for Gerald Teramae, Head of School at Island Pacific Academy School to be a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to represent Independent Schools in Hawaii.

Through his extensive experiences as a classroom teacher and administrator, Gerald is a highly knowledgeable educator who understands and recognizes what it takes to be an effective classroom teacher. He would be an invaluable member to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board. Gerald is an administrator who understands that complacency is not adequate, and his vision to make our teachers and schools be the best in the nation is paramount.

Under Gerald's leadership as the Lower School Dean at `Iolani, students remained his number one priority and he strived to bring positive changes to `Iolani. For example, as he recognized the need to upgrade our technology needs, under his management and during his first year as Dean, teachers received a laptop computer. He also brought in reading/language arts and mathematics resource consultants to assist teachers in aligning their curriculum with the Common Core Standards. In addition, Gerald continuously supported and encouraged teachers to take advantage of professional development opportunities.

Three summers ago, my teaching partner and I experienced first hand Gerald's outstanding commitment and support as we transformed our kindergarten classroom to become a student centered, project and inquiry based venue for our students to practice

real “people skills,” while guiding them to be 21st century life-long learners. He trusted and believed in us to make learning meaningful and purposeful for our students.

Again, I would ask for your consideration for Gerald Teramae to be a member of the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to represent Independent Schools in Hawaii. I think he would be a valuable asset.

Sincerely,  
Lauree Sakaida

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Megan Kawatachi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to support the consideration and confirmation of Gerald M. Teramae to the Hawai'i Teachers Standards Board representing Hawai'i's independent schools. As a well-respected and experienced educator in both the public and independent schools, Gerald will be an incredible asset to the Board. He understands the multiple educational systems of our state and the relationships between them and will be able to leverage this holistic knowledge to provide thoughtful and insightful analysis and input. He is also an attentive listener and a considerate collaborator. As an educator whose current role is to build bridges and partnerships among the DOE, charter and independent schools, Gerald's experience and guidance have been invaluable to me. His understanding of what growth and excellence in education looks like will certainly be invaluable to the Board, to the teachers, and ultimately, to the students, this Board serves. Megan Kawatachi Public Private Initiatives Coordinator 'Iolani School/HAIS

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