



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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April 10, 2018

**TO:** Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Chair  
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Lauren Moriguchi, Director  
Executive Office on Early Learning

**SUBJECT: Measure:** Governor's Message No. 663  
**Hearing Date:** April 11, 2018  
**Time:** 2:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Room 229

**Purpose of Measure:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ann Tom, for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION:** The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Ann Tom to the Early Learning Board, for a second term to expire June 30, 2020.

Ms. Tom has served on the Board for one term as its family child care program provider representative. Family child care programs, which provide an important option for our families, are an integral component of the early learning system (from prenatal care to kindergarten entry) that EOEL is charged with developing. Ms. Tom's many years of experience as a family child care provider, as well as a trainer and support provider for family child care providers, including for children with special needs, has been and we hope will continue to be, a great asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure and express our support for Ms. Tom's nomination.

April 3, 2018

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair  
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair  
Senate Education Committee

From: Michael Fahey, Chair Nominations Committee,  
Early Learning Board

Re: **GM 663 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN TOM, for a term to expire 06-30-2020**

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Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to ask that you reconfirm Ann Tom to a second term on the Early Learning Board to expire 06-30-2020.

Having known Ann for over 3 decades, I am confident in her vast knowledge, experience and the unique perspective she brings to acting on behalf of young children and families, here in Hawaii. She is an educator whose understanding of children's development and care contributes greatly to our work on the Early Learning Board (ELB).

Ann has been a representative of the ELB for one term now. She is highly respected among her peers and has a firm grasp of ELB's goals, strategies and issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Ann Tom's confirmation to the ELB.

Sincerely,  
Michael C. Fahey

HEICC Representative, Chair Nominations Committee,  
Early Learning Board

April 7, 2018

To: Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair  
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair  
Senate Education Committee

From: Robert G Peters, Chair,  
Early Learning Board

Re: **GM 663 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Board,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN TOM, for a term to expire 06-30-2020**

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Conference Room 229, 2:45 pm.

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Dear Chair Kidani, Vice Chair Kahele and Committee Members:

It is my pleasure to ask that you reconfirm Ann Tom to a second term on the Early Learning Advisory Board to expire 06-30-2020.

Ann serves currently as the Project Coordinator for Quality Care for the "Learning to Grow Project," part of the UH Center on the Family. Her expertise is child development from birth to age 5. She is a strong advocate for young children, particularly those in the infant/toddler stages, and helps the ELB to focus on the full scope of its responsibilities.

Ann has been a representative of the ELB for one term now. She is highly respected among her peers and has been a part of ELB's most recent goal-setting and action planning.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of Ann Tom's confirmation to the ELB.

Sincerely,  
Robert G. Peters, Chair  
Early Learning Board



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To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Ann Tom for at least 10 years on a personal and professional level. In her work in the Early Childhood Education community, she has always represented and advocated for the Family Child Care (FCC) Providers of Hawaii. Her prior experience as an FCC provider gives her insight and understanding as to what the providers face on a daily basis. As a Trainer at PATCH, Ann has trained many people that are interested in becoming a licensed child care provider on Oahu. Ann has a passion to ensure that FCC Providers are heard and represented at every meeting and committee that she and I have been a part of. I would completely support Ann Tom to be on the Early Learning Board to represent Family Child Care Providers in Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**GM-663**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments:

Aloha Chair Kidani and Vice Chair Kahele,

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Ann Tom's confirmation to the Early Learning Board. Ms. Tom has been an active, vital member of the Early Learning Board for the past several years and confirming her to another term will ensure that the Board can capitalize on her wealth of expertise, particularly in the field of home-based child care. Her work to improve the quality of home-based child care through accreditation has the potential to expand the availability of high-quality alternatives to center-based care. Mahalo in advance for your careful consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

Jin Chang

Family-Child Interaction Learning representative, Early Learning Board