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Testimony in **Support** of
Governor's Messages No. 528 and 529
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Early Learning Advisory Board
Gubernatorial Nominee, Lisa Kimura
For terms to expire June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2016

By GG Weisenfeld, Director

Senate Committee on Education
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Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Messages No. 528 and 529, nominating Lisa Kimura to the Early Learning Advisory Board. The Executive Office on Early Learning supports her nomination.

Ms. Kimura is the Executive Director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii (HMHB). HMHB was initially established as a statewide steering committee and became a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in 1992. HMHB is a local nonprofit agency that is part of a national network of organizations and individuals committed to improving Hawaii's maternal, child, and family health through collaborative efforts with the public and private sectors in public education, advocacy, and partner development.

Ms. Kimura is being recommended to serve on the Early Learning Advisory Board as its parent representative. She will bring both a personal and professional capacity as the mother of two young children under five and as a young professional who is well-aware of the challenges facing families in Hawaii in the areas of adequate prenatal and pediatric care, parent support, childcare, and quality early childhood education.

In addition to her knowledge of maternal and child health, Ms. Kimura offers her background in the for-profit sector with expertise in marketing and public relations, which can help guide the Executive Office on Early Learning in the development and effective utilization of an early learning system.