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To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Education

For: Hearing on Governor's Message 658
Friday April 8, 2011 at 1:15 p.m.

Re: Support of Nomination of Nancy J. Budd for State of Hawaii Board of Education

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I have known Nancy Jo Budd for approximately fifteen years. I have served with Ms. Budd on the Salvation Army Kauai board, the Kauai Planning and Action Alliance Public Education Action Team and on the Hawaii Community Foundation Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund Advisory Committee.

Ms. Budd will make an excellent member to the Hawaii State Board of Education, as public education is an enduring passion of hers. Her resume notates the years she has spent as a proponent for Hawaii's students, teachers, administrators and public education staff, all as a volunteer.

Many Kauai non-profit organizations have sought Ms. Budd to serve as a director for their boards as her wise counsel is well regarded throughout our island community. For all her fine legal expertise, for me, Ms. Budd's most impressive credential is that she has been a volunteer 3rd grade reading tutor for thirteen years. This is the essence of Nancy Jo Budd. Her commitment to our keiki, over such a long period, in spite of her demanding schedule is what defines her. Her selfless actions serving on various community education initiatives, along with leadership roles in PTSA over the years have undoubtedly created greater opportunities for our students.

Ms. Budd's years in active participation in public education will bring valuable experience and expertise to the Hawaii State Board of Education. I recommend Nancy Jo Budd without reservations and know that her contribution on the board will bring about great things for Hawaii.

Aloha,
Deja Vu Surf Hawaii

Tad Miura
President