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Dr. Kathleen F. Berg has been active in the field of education for over 40 years, serving in a variety of roles at the University of Hawai‘i (UH) College of Education (COE) and the Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG). She holds a doctorate in educational psychology and has been involved in teaching and program research and evaluation for much of her career. Her experience includes project management and mathematics teaching and curriculum development at CRDG, and teacher education and research as faculty with the Masters of Education in Teaching Program at UH COE. She has teaching experience with students at all grade levels from elementary through middle and high school, undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Berg has been the principal investigator, director, or co-director of a number of projects at CRDG including the middle school project at the University Laboratory School and several externally funded projects in the areas of school safety, drug use prevention, and military dependent education. Over the years, Dr. Berg’s work has resulted in many presentations, reports, and publications on diverse topics including mathematics education, teacher education and professional development schools, cooperative learning, critical thinking, computer-assisted instruction, safe and drug-free schools, and student support systems. Her recent research interests have centered on the issues of transition for military-dependent students in Hawai‘i public schools. She was the associate director of CRDG from 2003–2011 and CRDG director from 2012–2015. Dr. Berg was a recipient in 2015 of the UH College of Education Faculty Senate Lifetime Achievement Award. She retired from UH at the end of 2015, and in 2016 UH conferred upon her the title of Specialist Emerita of University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

As part of her professional service, Dr. Berg has worked since 2000 with the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF), an organization that brings together the state Department of Education and the military services in Hawai‘i. She was the recipient in 2011 of the Outstanding Civilian JVEF Contributor Award and continues to serve on the JVEF board. In 2009, Dr. Berg was appointed the Hawai‘i State Commissioner to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, also called the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3). She served as vice chair of the national commission from 2009–2012, chair of MIC3 for two terms in 2012–2014, and past chair from 2014–2016. During her tenure as national chair, membership in the Interstate Compact reached the milestone of all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Dr. Berg continues to serve as the Hawai‘i state commissioner and most recently was asked to serve as chair of the National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force. From spring 2019 to fall 2020 she lead the seven-member study group researching the possibility of expanding coverage of the Interstate Compact to include families of all National Guard and Reserve military members, presenting the final report and recommendations of the task force at the MIC3 2020 Annual Business Meeting.

Dr. Berg served in the Hawai‘i Air National Guard as a traditional member from 1977 to 2009, when she retired at the rank of brigadier general. She served from 2006–2009 as the Mobilization Assistant to the Director, J6, United States Pacific Command (PACOM) at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawai‘i. Her military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

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