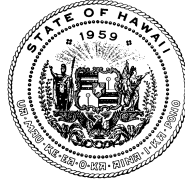


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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0744
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MARILYN SEELEY, for a term to expire 6/30/2023

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: May 13, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Room Number: 229

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, is in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Marilyn Seeley to the Policy Advisory
- 3 Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 4 **Comments:** Ms. Marilyn Seeley has a Master of Public Health degree and extensive
- 5 experience in the aging field, including work as an Associate Faculty for the Center on Aging at
- 6 the University of Hawai'i and as a Senior Planner for aging and health services in the Atlanta
- 7 Regional Commission of the Area Agency on Aging. Ms. Seely served as the Long Term Care
- 8 Planner for EOA for nine years prior to becoming the EOA Director from 1995 to 2004. Her past
- 9 experience with EOA provides her with a robust understanding of EOA's mission and purpose.
- 10 She was also on the Policy Advisory Board from July 2011 to June 2019. With her knowledge,
- 11 experience, and extensive involvement with the EOA and PABEA, Ms. Marilyn Seeley is truly
- 12 an asset in providing guidance to the EOA.

- 1 As a newly appointed Director, it would be an honor to have Ms. Marilyn Seeley on PABEA and
- 2 I urge your support of her confirmation as a PABEA member.
- 3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for CPH on 5/13/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

I am Gary Simon, Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

PABEA strongly supports the nomination of Marilyn Seely for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Ms. Seely is an expert in the fields of aging, long term care, and long term care services and supports.

Hawaii will benefit greatly with her wise counsel on PABEA.

We urge you to support her nomination and confirmation, and we thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

With warmest aloha,

Gary Simon

Vice Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

May 11, 2020

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RE: Letter of Support for Marilyn Seely for the State of Hawai`i Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

It is my sincere pleasure to submit this letter of support for the nomination of Ms. Marilyn Seely to the State of Hawai`i Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs (PABEA). Ms. Seely is the former director of the State Executive Office on Aging, and I have worked with her in varying capacities for the past 25 years.

Ms. Seely is a committed gerontologist and public health leader. She is extremely knowledgeable in social policy issues and affairs and understands quite well the role of citizen advocacy in promoting the health and well-being of our elders. She has taken courageous stands in issues that continue to challenge our state; for example, the funding of long term and ensuring that elders rights are protected via appropriate rules, regulations and laws.

She is a clear thinker and able to use her knowledge and persuasion to move our agenda forward to make Hawai`i a model for the implementation of an age-friendly community. She has served on numerous community and state boards and task forces to share her knowledge to benefit our state.

She has my unwavering support. Should you have the need for any additional information, I will be happy to answer any questions at cbrowne@hawaii.edu.

Cordially,



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