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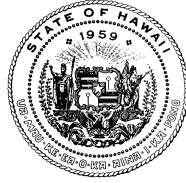
Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, KIPUKAI KUALII, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Current Referral: CPH

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?  
*\*\* I was asked by my colleagues on the Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee for the County of Kaua`i. And, of course, I want to help make a difference for our kupuna here on Kaua`i and throughout the State.*
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?  
*\*\* To work alongside other members of the Board to deliberate and come up with policy recommendations that benefit our kupuna.*
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?  
*\*\* Primarily by participating fully in the decision-making of the Board. My many years as a community organizer for social and economic justice has also prepared me to be an effective advocate for our kupuna. Finally, I'm motivated to fight for and protect kupuna because I know firsthand the struggles my aging parents are facing.*
- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.  
*\*\* I'm qualified because of my extensive experience as a servant leader. I'm currently employed as the Director of Operations at the YWCA of Kaua`i. I serve on numerous boards including the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association, the Homestead Community Development Corporation, the Homestead Housing Authority, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Hawaiian Community Assets and the Kaua`i North Shore Community Foundation; as well as the Kaua`i Mayor's Elderly Affairs Advisory Council and the Kaua`i County Council's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.*
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
*\*\* Primarily to help improve conditions across the State for our kupuna. To help the Executive Office on Aging, the Governor and the State Legislature develop and implement programs that make a difference for our kupuna.*
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.  
*\*\* Experienced, Thoughtful and Hardworking. I will be able to contribute to the Board right from the start.*
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.  
*\*\* I have served on the Kaua`i County Council.*
- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?  
*\*\* No.*

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0556  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder  
Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, KipuKai Kuali`i, for a term to expire 06-30-2021**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATOR JILL N. TOKUDA, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Terri Byers  
Director, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: March 7, 2018  
10:00 am

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 Mr. KipuKai Kuali`i to the Policy Advisory
- 3 Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 4 **Comments:** Mr. KipuKai Kuali`i will bring a wealth of knowledge to his role on PABEA.
- 5 Throughout his professional career, Mr. Kuali`i has provided leadership and management in
- 6 coordinating community and educational programs, volunteer outreach, and advocacy efforts.
- 7 He has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and currently serves as Director of
- 8 Operations for YWCA of Kauai. Mr. Kuali`i has a solid background in government, nonprofits,
- 9 community, and volunteerism. PABEA has one designated seat for a member from Kauai and
- 10 Mr. Kuali`i will represent and advocate for the Kauai community as a PABEA board member.
- 11 **Recommendation:** For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Mr. Kuali`i. Thank
- 12 you for the opportunity to testify.

**Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.**  
Mayor

**Wallace G. Rezendes, Jr.**  
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**Ludvina K. Takahashi**  
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**TO:** Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

**FROM:** Kealoha Takahashi  
Executive on Aging

**SUBJECT:** GM 556, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, KIPUKAI KUALI'I, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

**HEARING:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 10:00 AM  
Conference Room 229

**POSITION:** County of Kauai, Agency on Elderly Affairs strongly supports consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, KIPUKAI KUALI'I, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

I ask for your consideration and confirmation of KipuKai Kuali'i to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Mr. Kuali'i presently serves on the Agency on Elderly Affairs' Advisory Council and would be representing Kaua'i. He serves as the director of operations at the YWCA of Kauai. He also serves on several boards within the community. He is a great advocate and hard at work to make a difference in our community and in the lives of our Kupuna.

I ask for your support and approval of KipuKai Kuali'i to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Kealoha Takahashi  
Executive on Aging

**From:** [David Massey](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for GM 556 (KipuKai Kualii)  
**Date:** Monday, March 5, 2018 9:09:40 AM

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Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker,

I understand KipuKai Kualii has been nominated by the Governor to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

The Senate confirmation hearing is scheduled for March 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

I am writing you today to express my support for the appointment of Mr. Kualii to serve on PABEA. As a resident of Kauai, it has been my pleasure to call KipuKai a friend. KipuKai's dedication to his community is unmatched and he would be an asset to PABEA.

If you should require any further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**David Massey**

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**From:** [Eric Knutzen](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for GM 556 (KipuKai Kualii)  
**Date:** Friday, March 2, 2018 7:08:46 PM

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Aloha Senator Baker,

I wholeheartedly support Kauai candidate KipuKai Kualii to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

KipuKai is much respected regarding his current activities in this area in his capacity as member of the County of Kauai's Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee.

Respectfully,

Eric Knutzen  
Kilauea, Kauai

**From:** [dmesaki@aol.com](mailto:dmesaki@aol.com)  
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**Subject:** Support for GM 556 (KipuKai Kualii)  
**Date:** Friday, March 2, 2018 5:38:05 PM

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**Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health (CPH) committee  
Hawaii State Senate**

**RE: Support for GM 556 (KipuKai Kualii**

**Dear Senator Baker,**

**I support the nomination of Kipukai Kualii to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).**

**He is compassionate, intelligent and public minded.**

**I urge you to confirm his nomination at the State Senate.**

**Mahalo.**

**Dennis M. Esaki**

**From:** [rmrztom](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for GM 556 (KipuKai Kualii)  
**Date:** Monday, March 5, 2018 9:40:15 AM

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Aloha Senator Rosslyn Baker,

I support the nomination of KipuKai Kualii to serve on the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

Mr. Kualii currently serves on the County's Elderly Affairs Advisory Committee. The committee has recommended that Mr. Kualii serve as a representative of Kaua'i to the State.

A former member of the Council, Mr. Kualii intimately understands the challenges of Hawaii's elderly. Mr. Kualii brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience which will greatly aid PABEA and the State Executive Office on Aging.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Thomas Ramirez  
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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 3, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone



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**Date:** Friday, March 2, 2018 6:46:39 PM

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**Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health (CPH) Committee  
Hawaii State Senate**

**March 2nd, 2018**

**RE: Support for KipuKai Kualii GM 556  
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)**

**Dear Senator Baker,**

**I have watched Kipukai Kualii at the Kauai County Council in the past and his work at the YWCA. He is an outstanding compassionate person and supports those in need.**

**Please confirm Kipukai Kualii to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).**

**He will be an asset to the board. Thank you very much!**

**Sincerely,**

**Micheleangela Brilliance**

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**From:** [Dileep Bal](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen. Roz Baker](#)  
**Subject:** Support for GM 556 (KipuKai Kualii)  
**Date:** Friday, March 2, 2018 6:50:05 PM

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Aloha Roz,

Nice chatting with you just now.

As we discussed, the purpose of this email is to express my strong support for your committee and the Senate to confirm KipuKai Kualii for membership to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs (PABEA), to which Governor Ige has duly nominated him.

I have known our former Councilman Kualii for over a decade, in my former position as the District Health Officer for Kauai. KipuKai is a very valuable leader on Kauai especially in the areas of Elder Affairs and also Native Hawaiian Issues. He is both a consultative leader and an articulate advocate, and is certainly worthy of being on PABEA. It gives me great pleasure to reiterate my strong support for his candidacy for this position and I am sure he will serve in it with distinction, once he is confirmed.

I know I have been remiss in missing the ACS Board meetings in Honolulu this past year, and I promise to be more diligent in attending them in 2018 !!

All the very best Roz.

Cheers,

Dileep

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**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** FW: KipuKai Kualii --- Confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs GM556  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:44:41 PM

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**From:** Melissa Egusa [mailto:[melissaegusa@gmail.com](mailto:melissaegusa@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 3:06 PM  
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**From:** **Melissa Egusa** <[melissaegusa@gmail.com](mailto:melissaegusa@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 3:04 PM  
**Subject:** KipuKai Kualii --- Confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs GM556  
**To:** [Baker3@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:Baker3@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Aloha Senator Baker,

It is a pleasure and a privilege to support your confirmation for KipuKai Kualii for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I have known KipuKai for over ten years and have always been impressed with his willingness to serve, take responsibility, and complete every task. He has Kuleana along with the Aloha spirit to serve the citizens to the top degree. His knowledge of the Hawaiian language and traditions will serve the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs in many ways - the Hawaiian tradition is to care and respect our Kupuna and be sure they are provided the services necessary to live productive lives. His personal relationships and respect within the community will further assist in serving our Kupuna.

KipuKai's participation in the Kauai County Council, his activities on behalf of the Native Hawaiians, and so many other organizations has brought him in close contact with our island's population as well as citizens within the State of Hawaii. His is an effective leader, good listener, and most importantly, a person who gets things done.

I encourage his confirmation for this important position.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information to you regarding KipuKai's qualifications for this important position.

Mahalo nui loa,  
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**From:** [Steven Kauai](#)  
**To:** [CPH Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for GM 556 Kipukai Kualii  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:01:21 AM

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To:Senator Rosalyn Baker

I would like to give my support for Mr. Kipukai Kualii on the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs(PABEA). Mr. Kualii is a dedicated person in whatever assignment or task that is given. He will represent the Board in a way that is fair and respectable.

My support for Mr. Kipukai Kualii in the process of the Senate confirmation.

mahalo nui loa,

Steven Kauai

Kauai Resident