Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
First Special Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 9, 10, 11, and 50, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

G.M. No. 9  JOY MIYASAKI,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021;

G.M. No. 10  SARAH YUAN,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021;

G.M. No. 11  SUZANNE SCHULBERG,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021; and

G.M. No. 50  LINDA AXTELL-THOMPSON,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Joy Miyasaki, Sarah Yuan, Suzanne Schulberg, and Linda Axtell-Thompson to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.
JOY MIYASAKI

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Joy Miyasaki from the Executive Office on Aging, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Miyasaki's background, experience, and proven leadership on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs qualify her to be nominated for reappointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Your Committee notes that Ms. Miyasaki has been an attorney for over thirty-five years and focuses her practice in the areas of estate planning and trust administration. Ms. Miyasaki is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was recognized as Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2008. Ms. Miyasaki is extensively involved in her community, including serving as a board member of the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation and as an Advisory Council Member of Project Dana. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Miyasaki has been a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs since 2011, previously served as Chair, and is currently the Board's first Vice-Chair. Your Committee finds that Ms. Miyasaki's extensive legal background and her work with elderly clients continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and therefore recommends that Ms. Miyasaki be reappointed to the Board based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

SARAH YUAN

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Sarah Yuan from the Executive Office on Aging.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Yuan's knowledge, background, and proven leadership on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs qualify her to be nominated for reappointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Your Committee notes that Dr. Yuan is currently an Associate Specialist at the Center on the Family at the University of Hawai'i and is well-known for developing Hawaii's Aging Data Center. Dr. Yuan has also contributed her expertise in data and applied research in a variety of community service positions, including serving as a co-chair on the Presentations Committee of the Biennial Conference of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society and as a member of the Long-Term Care Services
Subcommittee for Health Services and Facilities Plan of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Yuan has been a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs since 2013, where she has served in a variety of leadership positions, and her extensive background in research and statistics continues to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Yuan be reappointed to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs based on her background, experience, and commitment to advocating for the State's kupuna.

SUZANNE SCHULBERG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Suzanne Schulberg from the Executive Office on Aging, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Schulberg's extensive experience in the senior care industry and proven leadership on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs qualify her to be nominated for reappointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Your Committee notes that Ms. Schulberg has been with the Arcadia Family of Companies for sixteen years, has been heavily involved in the changing landscape of senior care in Hawaii, and currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Arcadia. Ms. Schulberg also works to advance the objectives of Hawaii's senior care industry as a member of the Health Care Association of Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society and on the national level as a member of the Public Policy Congress with LeadingAge. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Schulberg has been a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs since 2013 and her strong advocacy of policies and programs that improve the health and welfare of the State's kupuna continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Ms. Schulberg be reappointed to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs based on her knowledge, experience, and dedication to protecting the welfare of the State's elders.

LINDA AXTELL-THOMPSON

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Linda Axtell-Thompson from three individuals.
Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Axtell-Thompson's background, experience, and commitment to public service qualify her to be nominated for appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Your Committee notes that Dr. Axtell-Thompson is currently self-employed at her consulting firm, where she provides nonprofit strategy consulting and professional ethics training, and is an adjunct faculty member at Chaminade University. Dr. Axtell-Thompson also has over twenty-five years of experience in health care planning and policy analysis, in addition to several years of experience teaching health care administration, nonprofit management, and health care and management ethics at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Axtell-Thompson's interests in the ethical issues relating to aging, dementia, and end-of-life care is reflected in her extensive community involvement, where she serves on the board of directors for Kokua Mau, Pali Momi Medical Center bioethics committee, and the human research ethics committees at the University of Hawai‘i and Chaminade University. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Axtell-Thompson's academic training in medical ethics, facilitation, and mediation combined with her professional experience in health care management, strategic planning, and policy analysis will make her a valuable asset to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and therefore recommends Dr. Axtell-Thompson's appointment to the Board.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Senate
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