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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs:**

Ruth H. Stepulis RN

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Ruth H. Stepulis' appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Stepulis, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Recognition and Awards Committee. She is a retired nurse with over 40 years of experience in the nursing field. She has a Master's degree in Clinical Nursing from Vanderbilt University and a certificate in gerontology nursing. She has taught and practiced in the nursing field as a nursing supervisor at Tripler Army Medical Center (1960-1980) and as a faculty member at Hawaii Pacific University (1988-2000) and the University of Hawaii (1985-1987). Ms. Stepulis brings to the PABEA valuable insights and has shown a sincere regard for the needs of the elderly and their caregivers.

We, therefore, ask you to support her reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Diane M. Stowell's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Stowell, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Legislative Committee. She is a board-certified Marriage and Family Therapist and presently works as an instructor at the Women's and Men's prisons, teaching inmates life skills so that they lead healthy lives when released from prison. She is active in the community and has been a mentor and Board member at the Mediation Center of the Pacific and the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation. Ms. Stowell's background and experience will be an asset to the PABEA, while her involvement in the community will be helpful to the PABEA's advocacy function.

We, therefore, ask you to support her reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kanoë Kamanao

From: Michael Sumja [michaelsumja@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2008 3:02 PM
To: Sen. David Ige
Cc: pnrn@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Letter of Support for PABEA Reappointment of Ruth Stepulis

TO: Senator Ige,
Chair, Senate Health Committee

RE: Reappointment of Ruth Stepulis to PABEA

Hearing: Monday, March 31, 2008

Aloha Senator Ige and Committee members:

It is with great pleasure, and confidence, that I write this testimony in strong support of reappointing Ruth Stepulis to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. As Chair of PABEA I have come to depend heavily on Ruth's remarkable organizational skills as Recognition and Awards Committee Chair. Her efforts with the Outstanding Older American Award program each year is second to none, and we need her to continue this very important work.

Ruth's dedication and passion for our Kupuna is extraordinary and her character is above reproach. In short, you could not find a better candidate to serve on PABEA. I enthusiastically recommend reappointment of Ms. Stepulis.

Sincerely,
Michael B. Sumja, Chair
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

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