



GOV. MSG. NO. 478

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 3, 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**:

Rosemarie M. Protacio

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



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Committee on Health

GM 478 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**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. Rosemarie M. Protacio's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Protacio, an older adult consumer, is a retired ASK2000 speaker and phone agent. She has had varied work experience as a nurse at St. Francis Hospital (1952-1954); an announcer at the Honolulu International Airport (1954-1962); a Hawaiian Airlines reservationist, ticketing agent (1962-1971); a motel manager for the U.S. Navy (1973-1976); and as a ASK2000 speaker and phone agent (1994-2006). Her most recent ASK2000 experience will provide the PABEA perspectives on community resources available for the elderly and their caregivers.

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

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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. Sandra S. Rongitsch's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Rongitsch, 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 has over 20 years of experience as a licensed social worker, including 15 years of experience working with elderly clients in institutional, residential, and home-based settings; she is currently employed as a medical social worker at Hale Makua Home Health and Foster Family Programs on the island of Maui. Ms. Rongitsch exhibits a deep understanding of the challenges that an increasing elderly population poses and is an active advocate for elders and caregivers as a member of the Maui County Council on Aging, Long Term Care Partnership, the Case Management Interdisciplinary Team, and the Hawaii Family's Caregiver Coalition.

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.