



GOV. MSG. NO. **589**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 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**:

Peter T. Dyer

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message GM Number 589

Appointment of Peter T. Dyer, Ed.D. to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Chairman Ige and Member of the Senate Committee on Health:

My name is Dr. Peter Dyer. I am here today to present myself for your positive consideration of my appointment by Governor Lingle to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

For over the past three decades I have been involved in serving the people of the State of Hawaii in some form of public service. Most recently I served as the Public Member for the State Board that licenses and oversees the continuing education and ethical conduct of architects, professional engineers, surveyors, and landscape architects. Prior to that appointment I served for 21 years as the Provost (now called Chancellor) of the Windward Community College campus of the University of Hawaii, transforming it into one of the most uniquely beautiful and educationally rich campuses in our University system.

Today, I ask for your confirmation of my appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs, which serves in an advisory capacity to the State Executive Office on Aging. In my years in higher education I often became involved in some aspect of the needs of seniors, whether it was for programs to permit educational opportunity and specific senior oriented curriculum, or the variety of issues that face citizens in retirement. Also, as a long time member of the board of directors of the University's credit union, I have championed the offering of safe financial instruments and financial planning for the retirement years of our senior and not so senior members.

While I have kept reasonably current regarding the many challenges facing seniors, and lived through several myself as a result of having live-in aging in-laws and a parent with Alzheimer's disease and a variety of other health problems, I no doubt will need to become more educated regarding current programs for seniors that address the many issues they face. I do believe my perspective and skills can be of help to the continuation, evaluation, and development programs that help the State serve the needs of the elderly.

I ask that you act favorably on my appointment.

Mahalo.

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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 589 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**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

**1:20 P.M.**

**Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Peter T. Dyer's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

**Fiscal Implications:** None.

**Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Dyer has been serving the people of Hawaii for over 30 years, having been a professor and an administrator in the University of Hawaii System. He has been a member of numerous boards and community organizations, giving of his time and talents ranging from being chair to board officer. During his time of service at UH and the previous boards, he has addressed issues relating to the elderly such as senior oriented educational curriculum and financial planning for the retirement years.

Mr. Dyer also helps care for elderly parents as well as babysit for twin grandchildren. He will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna and caregivers.

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