



GOV. MSG. NO. **591**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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**:

Sara A. Tompkison

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

April 7, 2008

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Subject: Testimony in Support of GM 591

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee on Health:

Due to a prior commitment, I humbly apologize for not being able to attend the Senate confirmation hearing on 4/9/08, re: appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

As stated in my written testimony, my interest to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs is to participate in improving the quality of life for Hawaii's Elders via program development initiatives. Our aging population requires both short and long range planning to meet the needs of our healthy and frail elderly citizens in Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely,

Sara Tompkison

GM 591

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health

April 7, 200

Sara A. Tompkison

Dear Senator Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Thank you for the opportunity to present background about myself for consideration of my confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs Commission.

Ethnically, I am Chinese, born in Geneva, Illinois and raised in Hawaii. I grew up in Ewa Beach, graduated from James Campbell High School, and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and have also earned a Master of Social Work degree specializing in Health and Gerontology.

During my career as a professional Social Worker, I have been an advocate for the elderly and their family caregivers. Past involvement with community activities to promote the health and welfare of our Elders included Board memberships with the Hawaii Parkinson's Association, Comfort Security and Independence Agency (Elderly/Disabled Financial Case Management Services) Catholic Charities Services for the Elderly, the Department of Human Services-Senior Companion Program, and the Hawaii Association of Case Managers.

Diverse work experiences with the elderly and their families in acute care, home health, psychiatry, long term care and community based care have enriched my personal and professional growth.

I welcome the challenge of peer collaboration, and remain committed to serve our Kupuna in the capacity of examining creative initiatives to build upon existing community based care services in our island community.

If appointed to serve on the Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, my experiences of the aging process as a baby boomer, being a secondary caregiver, and twenty eight years as a practicing Social Worker will be an asset to the Policy Board.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara A. Tompkison

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Senate Committee on Health

GM 591 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 Ms. Sara Tompkison's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Tompkison is the coordinator for the VA Caregiver Assistance Pilot Program and has a Master's of Social Work degree from the University of Hawaii. Her areas of specialty are gerontology, case management, home health care, long term care, mental health, and Um/discharge planner. She is also a practicum instructor at UH School of Social Work. She served in several community committees.

Ms. Tompkison will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna, the veterans, and family caregivers.

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

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From: Epure, James P. [james.epure@va.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 10:38 AM
To: dige2 - Joyce K
Subject: Sara Tompkison

April 8, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

Re: Nomination of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

I enthusiastically submit this letter of support for Sara Tompkison, who is being considered for a position on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Sara professionally for over ten years and have worked with her extensively at the VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System in our Geriatrics Department.

I have always found her to be extremely knowledgeable regarding issues of the elderly in our community and consider her a valuable resource for information and assistance. She is very ethical in her professional practice as a social worker with the VA and is always approachable and open to new ideas. Ms. Tompkison is also willing to work collaboratively with individuals from all departments and is a joy to work with. I am certain that she will be an asset to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and I recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

James P. Epure, MD
Medical Director
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April 7, 2008

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Dear Senator Ige,

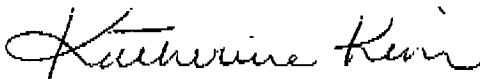
Re: Nomination of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

I am happy to submit this letter of support for Sara Tompkison, who is being considered for a position on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Sara professionally for several years and really got to know her advisory capabilities while she served for three years on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Parkinson Association (HPA).

I have always found her to be up-to-date on concerns of the aging community, very ethical in her business and professional dealings, and approachable and open to different ideas. During her tenure as an HPA Director, Sara showed her ability to work with various groups (both professional, patient and community) and a willingness to work collaboratively to make things happen for the benefit of the people on whose behalf she was serving.

Sara Tompkison will be a dynamic and brilliant asset to PABEA.

Sincerely,



Katherine Kim, MPH
Center Coordinator and HPA Board Secretary



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April 7, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

Re: Confirmation of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony regarding the confirmation of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I am honored to support the confirmation of Ms. Tompkison with whom I have worked as a clinical treatment team member, over the past ten years, serving for our Veterans. Without exception, Sara has proved to be extraordinary in her knowledge base, her resourcefulness and her ability to work with our geriatric clients, their families and the entire treatment team, both within the VA system, as well as the community at large. She has a passion for her work with the geriatric population. She has a respect and awareness of their histories and cultures that she honors in her work. She is always part of the problem solving. She serves this community with compassion and unequaled insightfulness and humility.

On a personal basis, through caring for aging family members, she is critically aware, at all levels, with the issues families face.

She will bring a unequaled combination of insight, acumen and compassion to help this Board in it's work. I enthusiastically endorse her appointment.

Maile Tanaka Singson, MSCCC Speech Language Pathologist