

**LATE TESTIMONY**

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**Subject:** Testimony In Support Of SB 2129, SD 2; Hearing Date & Time: March 13, 2008, 9:30 a. m.

**To:** **House Committee on Human Services and Housing**  
**Representative Maile S. L. Shimabukuro**, Chair,  
**Representative Karl Rhoads**, Vice Chair

From: Gary Simon  
Chair  
Legislative Committee  
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs  
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The Committee is requesting three copies of the testimony.

Date and Time of Hearing: Thursday, March 13, 2008, 9:30 a. m.

Position: Support for SB 2129, SD 2, Relating to Elder Affairs

I am Gary Simon, Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of PABEA.

On behalf of PABEA, I am pleased to state our support of SB 2129, which authorizes PABEA to directly testify before the legislature on any matter related to its duties and responsibilities.

Proper advocacy of policies and programs which will enhance and promote the well-being of the elder citizens of our State requires unencumbered, open, and honest discussion and communication in order to achieve the best policies and the best possible programs. SB 2129 enables such candid debate and dialogue.

We urge you to support SB 2129, SD 2, we urge you to recommend its passage, and we thank you for seriously considering the Bill.



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To: House Committee on Human Services & Housing  
Rep. Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

Date: March 13, 2008  
Conference Room 329  
9:30 am

Re: SB 2129, SD2 RELATING TO ELDER AFFAIRS

Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ed Thompson, Associate State Director of Advocacy for AARP Hawaii. We are a membership organization for people 50 and older with 156,000 members in Hawaii. AARP provides access to services and information, meaningful volunteer opportunities, and the opportunity for our members to create positive change in their lives.

AARP supports SB 2129, SD2, which authorizes the policy advisory board for elder affairs to directly testify before the legislature on any matter related to its duties and responsibilities.

Proper advocacy of policies and programs that will enhance and promote the well-being of elder citizens of our State requires unencumbered, open, and honest discussion and communication in order to achieve best policies and first-rate programs. SB 2129 enables such candid debate and dialogue.

We urge you to support SB 2129, SD 2, and recommend its passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee.