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TO : SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,
Member of PABEA (Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs)

SUBJECT: SB 868 SD 1 Relating to Boards and Commissions

HEARING: 9:30 am Tuesday, February 26, 2008
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

PURPOSE: Allows for open communications with boards and commissions when a director is considering utilizing section 236-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

POSITION: PABEA STRONGLY SUPPORTS the proposed SD 2 of SB 868.

RATIONALE:

I am offering testimony as a member of PABEA, the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA but of the Board

- § The members of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs represent the the elder citizens of our state, and we have always believe it our duty to voice their needs and concerns to the Executive Office on Aging as well as to advocate for policy changes.
- § Members of The Policy Advisory Board are not employees of the state or themselves members of any state administration. We believe the democratic process should allow for us, in our advisory capacity, to voice our independent views, and we believe that the best public policy can result only if multiple voices participate in the process.
- § The proposed bill is important to giving us a meaningful role and not just being an empty shell.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

testimony

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SUPPORT

My name is Laura Manis and I am a member of the Legislative Committee of PABEA, the advisory Board for the Executive Office on Aging. For the past six years we have had to argue with the administration to be allowed to have our views presented to the legislature without approval from the administration. We have felt that this was not our mission, that we did not represent the administration but that we were to advise about the concerns and needs of the elderly population. We are pleased to see this bill and hope you support it.

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