



To: Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

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Date: February 24, 2009 - Conference Room 016 – 1:15 pm

Re: **Governor's Message 302 Gary Simon's nomination to PABEA**

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 160,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing issues such as affordable, quality, and accessible healthcare, financial security and livable communities.

AARP strongly supports Gubernatorial Nominee, Gary Simon, for reappointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

As the current Director of St. Francis Hospice, Gary is able to provide insights to PABEA. He knows the senior issues first hand and has contributed significantly to the policy and legislative initiatives that PABEA has developed and pursued. As the former PABEA legislative Chair, he has been inclusive and responsive.

For the above reasons, I strongly support Gary Simon to serve on a second term of PABEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.