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Thank you for your time and interest in my application for consideration of the opportunity for to serve as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. When asked why I am interested in the position, I can only tell you that it is my wish to serve the elderly generation of our state as a member of the team. As you are well aware, as our island population ages we are faced with the monumental task of ensuring that their concerns are heard, that steps are being taken in their behalf, and to protect their interest.

I am 64 years old and been a resident in Hawaii since 1963. By working with the media here on Kauai as Public Service Director and Program Manager I had the privilege to be very involved with many community organizations. In recent years, as a computer instructor for the Office of Continuing Education at Kauai Community College and privately I have had the pleasure of mentoring a number of older clients as I help them join the computer age. Sadly, it seems as though as our community ages they are sometimes lost in the shuffle. I can share the knowledge that I have obtained working in the Kauai community to assist the Board in formulating functional relevant policies and contributing to the discussion to solutions.

Sincerely yours,

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Senate Committee on Human Services

GM 424 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
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Attached Agency to Department of Health**

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Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Martin "Mark" E. Arthur II's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Mr. Arthur has been serving the people of Kauai for over 40 years, as a Kauai Police dispatcher to Garden Isle Newspaper columnist to working in radio stations such as: KFMN, KIVM, KLEI, KGU, KNDI, KTOH. He currently is an adult education instructor at Kauai Community College teaching basic computer skills and Microsoft applications. He is a member of numerous boards and community organizations, volunteering his time and talents.

Mr. Arthur is an older adult consumer and is a person with disabilities. He has been a caregiver for his mother as well as his father-in-law. He has worked with people with disabilities and veterans. He will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna and caregivers, especially in the Garden Isle.

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.