

GM 425

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

TIME: 1:15pm

PLACE: Conference Room 016

February 23, 2009

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 425 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Senator Chun Oakland and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on my behalf regarding the confirmation of my appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

I'm a life-long resident of Hawaii and I have a good understanding of the many issues faced by our kupuna and their families. I have worked in an administrative capacity in the healthcare industry for over twenty years, which acquainted me to the myriad of health concerns experienced by seniors. I served as the President & CEO of the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific for more than twelve years, where the majority of our clients were elderly individuals. I am currently the President & CEO of Kahala Senior Living Community, Inc., the operator of a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community. I believe my work experience and my educational background (BA in Economics and a Master's Degree in Business Administration) have prepared me to make a positive contribution to the PABEA.

In addition, I have served in a volunteer capacity with the Aloha United Way for nearly twenty-five years in their Community Building Division. My involvement has helped to further my awareness of the health and social issues confronting our seniors and the agencies that serve them. I have also been a volunteer with Mental Health Kookua for approximately twelve years. This organization provides a continuum of residential and treatment services to another disadvantaged population in

Hawaii: individuals with mental illness. My association with these organizations has provided me with valuable experience in serving on advisory boards.

I would sincerely appreciate your support of my nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. Duarte

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**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
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. Patrick J. Duarte's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Mr. Duarte has been serving the people of Hawaii for over 30 years, as an associate administrator at Straub Clinic & Hospital to president & CEO of Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific to senior vice president of Hawaii Dental Service. He currently is the president & CEO of Kahala Senior Living. He is a member of numerous boards and community organizations such as chairman of Mental Health Kokua.

Mr. Duarte is an older adult consumer and was a family caregiver to his parents, helping them with estate planning and their medical needs. He will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna and caregivers.

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