

GM620

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
Gubernatorial Nominee, FRANCINE DUDOIT
TAGUPA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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Committee on Human Services

GM 620 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Marilyn Seely, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

1:15 p.m.

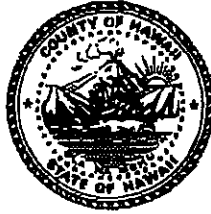
1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the nomination of Ms. Marilyn
2 Seely to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Seely was the Director of the Executive Office on Aging for
5 eight years between 1995-2003, and has held previous positions within EOA for nine years before
6 her appointment as the Director. She is intimately familiar with PABEA and the mission and
7 programs of EOA. After her retirement, Ms. Seely volunteered with Hospice Hawaii, Kokua Mau,
8 Kokua Council, and other advocacy organizations, and in 2009 she began working part-time for
9 the University of Hawaii Center on Aging.

10 Her combination of personal and professional experiences in gerontology makes her an
11 asset to PABEA. For these reasons, EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Seely. Thank you for
12 the opportunity to testify.

PETE HOFFMANN
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April 4, 2011

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
SENATOR SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND - CHAIR
STATE CAPITOL
415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Dear Senator:

Reference GM621: I write in strong support of the reappointment of Ms. Eudie Schick to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) for another term. Ms. Schick's experience as previous Chair of PABEA and her outstanding personal attributes are critically needed at this time of reduced resources for our older adults. Her knowledgeable and intelligent advocacy of a myriad of legislative initiatives have been hallmarks of her service on the PABEA, and demonstrate beyond doubt that the State of Hawaii must continue to utilize the volunteer activism she so ably represents. She brings a vibrant energy to each endeavor she undertakes and has been able to generate the necessary consensus vital to providing consistent and valuable advice to the State Executive Office on Aging.

I am sorry that I must attend a Council meeting in Hilo today or else I would have been honored to attend the Committee on Human Services hearing and provide personal testimony on behalf of Ms. Schick. I urge her reappointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Hoffmann", written over a horizontal line.

Pete Hoffmann
Council Vice-Chairman
Councilmember District 9
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(Submitted by email to: HMSTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov April 3, 2011)

Statement of Al Hamai, President, in support of GM620, relating to
the appointment of Marilyn Seely to PABEA

Hearing Of Senate Human Services Committee

April 5, 2011, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr., and
members of the Committee,

We are very pleased to support the nomination of Marilyn Seely, GM
620, for appointed to the PABEA.

Marilyn has a long record of service to the seniors in our state. She
is akamai with not only senior issues but with the workings of our
federal, state, and county programs and legislation, affecting seniors
and our community. She is unafraid to speak up on issues. We
believe that she will be an effective team member of PABEA, as it
strives to carry its duties and responsibilities.

Please approve the nomination of Marilyn Seely to PABEA and urge
your colleagues in the Senate to confirm her appointment to this very
important advisory board on elderly affairs.

Mahalo.

HARA is a strong voice for Hawaii's retirees and seniors; a diverse community-based organization with national roots; a grassroots organizer, educator, and communicator; and a trusted source of information for decision-makers.



To: Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: April 5, 2011, Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

Re: **GM 620 – MARILYN SEELY – CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION TO THE POLICY
ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (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 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP offers the following testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 620, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs (PABEA), Gubernatorial Nominee, Marilyn Seely, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Marilyn is currently a Specialist at the University of Hawaii Center on Aging. She retired from Hawaii State government after nearly twenty years at the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). Marilyn served as the Director of the EOA for eight years and the remainder of her tenure there was as the state Long Term Care Planner. She has been the Chair for the Board of Directors at Hospice Hawaii. Marilyn also serves as a Board of Director with Kokua Mau, and is an active member of the Kokua Council. She received her MPH at the UH School of Public Health

AARP is proud and honored to support Marilyn Seely for consideration to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

April 2, 2011

Senate Committee on Human Services
Hearing Date Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Conference Room 016
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Re: GM 620, Gubernatorial Nominee MARILYN SEELY

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland and Vice Chair Ihara:

It is with pleasure that I write in support of the nomination of Marilyn Seely to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

Ms. Seely is uniquely qualified to be a member of this advisory board. As a well educated and deeply experienced specialist in gerontology and public health, she has firsthand knowledge of the needs of our aging population. She is adept at developing and running programs to ensure that our senior years are as full and healthy as possible, while working diligently to see that policies and practices are in place so that the elderly need not fear their final years. In this regard, there is still much work to be done and I believe Marilyn can make a great contribution to building a better system of aging services for Hawaii.

Marilyn, first as staff, and later as Executive Director of the Executive Office on Aging, had responsibility for state wide programs addressing the needs of Hawaii's seniors. In her capacity as director, she was well known and widely respected as a staunch and successful advocate for the elderly.

Along with the Advisory Board, she developed numerous policies to address the physical, social and health care needs of the aging, particularly those in the low income sector. Many programs were implemented under her direction, including Kupuna Care, the program of home and community based services for seniors, programs to address the underappreciated needs of caregivers, and Kokua Mau, which greatly expanded palliative care for those in the last stages of their illness. In addition, she was forceful and largely successful in designing, promoting and securing passage of a unique insurance plan to address senior support needs in activities of daily living so that they could remain in their own homes longer and cared for by family. Unfortunately, while this bill was passed by the 2003 legislature, it was not enacted into law. Very importantly, Marilyn was responsible for ensuring the welfare of the aging residing in long term care facilities and was vigilant about maintaining the high standards of the Long Term Care Ombudsman to provide oversight.

While there is much more that could be said in support of Marilyn Seely's nomination, I think the foregoing will give you a flavor of her ability to serve this state well as a member of PABEA. I recommend her to you without reservation.

Sincerely,

Joan P. White, RN, MBA

Committee on Human Services
The Senate

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

1:15 PM

Conference room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Support: GM 620

Aloha Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr., and members of the Senate Committee on Human Services. I write in strong support of the nomination of Marilyn Seely to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

For over twenty years, I've had the opportunity of working closely with Ms. Seely. Ms. Seely has a wealth of knowledge and experience in gerontology and has mentored many professionals and students in the field. As former Director of the Executive Office on Aging and Long Term Care Planner, she is well familiar with the critical issues of aging and family caregiving. She is also an expert on the Older Americans Act and Chapter 349 of the Hawaii Revised Statute. And, more importantly, she has the heart for serving our Na Kupuna and family caregivers.

Ms. Seely will be an excellent member of the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

Thank you for the opportunity of providing testimony.

Shirley Kidani

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Kathryn Braun [kbraun@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 3:26 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: PABEA nomination

Honorable Senators Oakland and Ihara:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Marilyn Seely, MPH for PABEA. Marilyn has been a tireless worker for the well-being of older adults in Hawaii since the 1970s. Although you know her best for her role as Director of the Executive Office on Aging, Marilyn also has worked at the service provider level and, especially since retirement, as a board member for several aging-oriented agencies. I have worked with her personally and can attest to her knowledge of aging and her excellent people skills. She is familiar with the elder service network in Hawaii and across the country. In addition to being an advocate for older adults, she is a reasonable person that can see both sides of a situation, and she is very articulate about the problems and potential solutions regarding our aging population. Thus, I think she would be a perfect member of PABEA. I urge you to confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

Kathryn L. Braun, DrPH
Professor of Public Health and Social Work
Chair, DrPH Program, www.hawaii.edu/publichealth
Co-PI, 'Imi Hale Native Hawaiian Cancer Network, www.imihale.org
Co-I, Ha Kupuna National Resource Center, <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/hakupuna>
President, Active Aging Consortium Asia Pacific, www.wellageing.com

Committee for Human Services

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

My name is Colette Browne, and I submit this testimony as a private citizen committed to the interests and needs of older adults in the great state of Hawai'i.

I fully support the nomination of Ms. Marilyn Seely for appointment to the State of Hawai'i Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. Ms. Seely is well-known and well-respected both nationally and in our state as a policy expert and advocate on behalf of elders. As the Director of the State Executive Office on Aging, she was a fierce advocate for kupuna care services, aging-in-place, long-term care, and other key issues impacting our nation and our state. Her dedication to her position gained her the respect of many in our community, especially senior adults.

I have no doubt that the state will fully benefit from having the expertise and commitment of Ms. Seely on the state's Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Marilyn Seely.

Colette Browne

7805 Makaaoa Place

Honolulu, HI 96825

**Judith F. Clark, MPH
48-218 Kamehameha Highway
Kaneohe, HI 96744
239-7024**

March 30, 2011

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARILYN SEELY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.

I have known and worked with Marilyn Seely for 30 years and I believe that she is highly qualified to serve as an advisor on elderly affairs. She has had a long and distinguished career in elder services planning and coordination, including serving as the director of the Executive Office on Aging.

She is knowledgeable about long term care, health, social services, and other needs of elderly persons and their families and caregivers. She also cares deeply about helping our seniors live long, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Clark, MPH

From: "Carol Kikkawa-Ward" <chkward@earthlink.net>

To: <HMStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 9:29 AM

Subject: Consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair and Vice-Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr, and members of the committee.

I am Carol Kikkawa-Ward, a Senior citizen and a former member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I am submitting this letter of support for the Gubernatorial Nominee, MARILYN SEELY, for a term to expire 6-30-2015 to the Advisory Board for the Policy Advisory Board on Elders Affairs.

Marilyn is a highly qualified candidate for this position. She served a 4 year term as the Executive Director of the Office on Aging for the State of Hawaii, and has an excellent background and understanding of the issues on aging. During her term as Director, she initiated the Kupuna Care Program as well as other meaningful programs and services for the older adult.

She continues to be actively involved in programs and advocacy for the elderly, and does this with a caring passion for the issues involving the elderly.

As she is willing and able to serve as an Advisory Board member, I strongly urge your support for her confirmation to this important Board.

Thank you for your consideration, Aloha, Carol Kikkawa-Ward

REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Senate COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2011
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Re: G M 620

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy
Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee,
MARILYN SEELY, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Chair Chun Oakland and Vice Chair Ihara and members:

My name is Marilyn R. Seely and I am asking for your consideration of my nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) to serve a term of three years.

I believe I am in a unique position to assist PABEA and the Executive Office on Aging with the many complex issues that they must be addressed on behalf of older adults in Hawaii. My experience includes the following:

- A long professional history in gerontology beginning in 1979 when I chaired a state long term care task force for the Health and Community Services Council of Hawaii through a job as community services planner with the Atlanta Regional Commission (Area Agency on Aging) followed by nearly twenty years with the Executive Office on Aging where I served as the State Long Term Care Planner and the Director during the Cayetano Administration.
- Involvement in end of life care as a volunteer board member and board chair for Hospice Hawaii and Kokua Mau
- Personal experience with care giving for family members and friends
- My own transition to "senior citizen" status
- A dedication to advocacy in all its aspects for older adults and their supportive network families friends and professional care givers

I fully understand the role and responsibilities of PABEA from hands on experience with the Board. I respect and appreciate the charge given to PABEA as an advisory body to the Director of the EOA. Be assured, the duties inherent in this appointment will not be taken lightly.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

From: Rachael S. Wong, MPH
P.O. Box 61834
Honolulu, HI 96839

RE: Appointment of Marilyn S. Seely to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

Confirmation Hearing: 1:15 PM, Tuesday, 4/5/11
Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr., and Members of the Committee on Human Services,

I am writing to strongly support the nomination of Marilyn S. Seely, MPH to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Ms. Seely is an expert in older persons, both as a trained gerontologist and a leader in the aging field. She is the former director of the State of Hawaii's Executive Office on Aging, where she oversaw the inception of such innovative projects as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded Kōkua Mau end-of-life care coalition.

I met Ms. Seely when I first joined Kōkua Mau as its Public Awareness Coordinator in 2000. By the time I left the field in 2009, Kōkua Mau had grown into the state's hospice and palliative care organization and I served as its executive director. Ms. Seely remained involved in a leadership capacity throughout the process, and her expertise and commitment were invaluable. She is a strong advocate for healthy aging, quality end-of-life care, and collaborative partnerships.

Ms. Seely will bring national connections, local knowledge, and great leadership to PABEA and our state in this formal capacity. I recommend her without reservation. If you require additional information, I can be reached at rwong@alumni.princeton.edu.

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Lynda B. Gretz [lyndabearden@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 11:08 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: PABEA Nomination for Marilyn Seely

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland
HMS Committee

Re: PABEA Nomination for Marilyn Seely

The Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland
HMS Committee

I would like to recommend Marilyn Seely's nomination to PABEA. I currently serve with her on the board of directors of Kokua Council and have been acquainted with her for many years. As the former Executive Director of Hawaii Long Term Care Association, I worked closely with Marilyn when she was with the Executive Office on Aging. She was consistently well-informed and insightful regarding the services needed by our aging community.

I consider her to be one of the most knowledgeable and visionary persons in the State of Hawaii on issues concerning the elderly. She would be a wonderful asset to PABEA.

Lynda (Johnson) Gretz
Retired