

GM640

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

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**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 Dr. Tony
- 2 Lenzer to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Dr. Lenzer has been involved in teaching, research, advocacy, and
- 5 public policy activities in gerontology throughout his distinguished career. Just prior to
- 6 retirement, Dr. Lenzer served as the first Director of the University of Hawaii Center on Aging, of
- 7 which he held for five years. Under Dr. Lenzer's leadership, the Center developed two certificate
- 8 programs, provided faculty teaching and research awards, and created an award-winning PBS
- 9 series and college telecourse. Since retiring in 1994, Dr. Lenzer continues to actively participate
- 10 in advocacy, public policy development, and community education on aging, long-term care, and
- 11 death and dying. He is currently an officer or board member of four senior advocacy
- 12 organizations, and is a board member on one disability organization. For these reasons, EOA
- 13 supports the nomination of Dr. Lenzer. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TO : COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

HEARING: 1:15 pm Tuesday April 5, 2011
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: GM 640 Appointment of Eudice Schick to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

POSITION: As a member of The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, I **strongly support** the appointment of Anthony Lenzer to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

RATIONALE:

Anthony (Tony) Lenzer is recognized as one of the authoritative figures in the field of Gerontology in Hawaii. He founded the gerontology program in the School of Public Health many years ago and was the first Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. He has also served as President of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society and is currently serving again on their Board. Tony has been a community member of the Legislative Committee of PABEA for several years, and his knowledge, wisdom and effort have greatly contributed to the effectiveness of our committee. He will be a great asset as a Board member of PABEA.

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From: Michael Sumja [michaelsumja@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:09 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: Tony Lenzer; Wesley Lum
Subject: Pabea Nomination -Tony Lenzer

Aloha,

It is with great pleasure that I highly recommend Tony Lenzer to the Policy Advisory for Elder Affairs . Mr. Lenzer has served as a community member on Pabeas Legislative committee for many years and always does an outstanding job. He is a wonderful and tireless advocate for the elderly.

Having served as Chair of Pabea for several years, I can personally testify to his competency and caring of our Kupuna. In addition his character is above reproach.

Pabea will indeed be enhanced by having Tony Lenzer serve as a Board member.
Should you have any question please feel free to contact me at 808-987-2653.

Michael Sumja
Pabea Member



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MEMORANDUM

April 3, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland:

I am writing in full support of Dr. Anthony Lenzer's appointment to the State Executive Office on Aging's Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs (PABEA). Dr. Lenzer has been involved in aging and long-term care service development in the State of Hawaii for the past 40 years since his appointment as the Director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. Over the years, Dr. Lenzer has also been instrumental in helping to create the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, Hawaii first and largest professional association of gerontology specialists in the late 1970s. Even since his retirement, he has continued to advocate for active social change on behalf of Hawaii's kupuna year after year with his involvement with AARP, HARA, Kokua Council and as a legislative aide to Senator Les Ihara, Jr. There is no one who better befits the title and honor of being called the "Father of Gerontology in Hawaii" more than Dr. Lenzer given his very early and passionate support of older adults, his training of students over the years and for his ability to think in terms of what is best for Hawaii's future.

I believe that Governor Abercrombie's nomination was the right one for PABEA and the Senate will find that its approval of his nomination will assure that PABEA will have an opportunity to steer the right course for our kupuna and for Hawaii.

Aloha,

Cullen T. Hayashida, Ph.D.
Kupuna Education Center



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

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

Re: **GM 640 – ANTHONY LENZER – 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 640, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs (PABEA), Gubernatorial Nominee, Anthony (Tony) Lenzer, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Tony has been a life-long advocate of senior issues. Prior to moving to Hawaii, Tony was a staff member to the Legislative Council on Aging; and then moved to the University of Michigan School of Public Health. In 1969, he came to the University of Hawaii's School of Public Health to establish a Gerontology Program, and to support aging research and teaching across the UH Manoa campus. Tony served as the University of Hawaii's first Director of the UH Center on Aging from 1988 -1993. Since his retirement in 1994, Tony has been an active advocate for Hawaii's elders and their families.

Tony presently serves as:

- PABEA Legislative Committee – member
- Kokua Council – Vice President
- Disability and Communication Access Board – Board member
- Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans (HARA) - Board member
- Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition – Board member

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

Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans

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UPW Retirees
ADA/Hawaii
Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition

(Submitted by email to: HMSTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov April 3, 2011)

Statement of Al Hamai, President, in support of GM640, relating to
the appointment of Dr. Anthony Lenzer 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 Dr. Anthony
Lenzer, GM 640, for appointed to the PABEA.

Tony has broad experience and knowledge on aging issues, having
served on the University of Hawaii faculty with distinction. Upon is
retirement, Tony was bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus of
Public Health. He is a long time gerontologist, educator and
advocate on aging and disabilities issues. In his retirement, he
continues to serve on organizations that are striving to help develop
public policies and programs that will help make life better for our
seniors and our state. He will be a valuable member of PABEA.

Please approve the nomination of Dr. Anthony Lenzer to PABEA and
urge your colleagues in the Senate to confirm his 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.*

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2011 2:24 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: thirr33@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM640 on 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM GM640

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arvid Youngquist
Organization: The Mestizo Association
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: thirr33@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/3/2011

Comments:
Chair, HMS Committee
Honorable Members of the Senate
HMS Committee

We support GM 640 for the advise and consent for the appointment of Anthony Lenzer.

Mahalo,

Arvid Youngquist
Founder/Editor
The Mestizo Association
Kalihi Valley resident

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 Dr. Tony Lenzer for appointment to the State of Hawai'i Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. Dr. Lenzer is the former Director of the UHM Center on Aging, professor in gerontology and long-time advocate on behalf of seniors both nationally and in Hawai'i. We would be most fortunate to have Dr. Lenzer support this important board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Tony Lenzer.

Colette Browne
7805 Makaaoo Place
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From: Gary Simon [GarySimon@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 7:20 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Cc: Schick, Eudie; Wegner, Eldon; Lum, Dr. Wes; Lenzer, Tony
Subject: Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services on GM640 for the Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 1:15 P. M.

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon.

Testimony Is Directed To: Senate Committee on Human Services.

Measure: GM 640

Date & Time of Briefing: Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 1:15 P. M.

Position: I strongly support the nomination of Tony Lenzer to PABEA.

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I am Gary Simon. I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty years.

I have had the great pleasure of working with Tony Lenzer since my initial appointment to PABEA in 2005.

I have found Tony to be caring, charitable, conscientious, dedicated, dependable, insightful, perceptive, polite, scholarly, sincere, and wise. Tony continuously demonstrates these principles and values in his daily life and work.

Tony will be a great asset to PABEA.

I proudly support Tony Lenzer's nomination to PABEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very sincerely,
Gary Simon

ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

From: Anthony Lenzer [Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 8:21 AM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: Re: Nomination of Eudice Schick to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

On Apr 2, 2011, at 4:35 PM, Anthony Lenzer wrote:

> Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee on Human Services:
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> My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a member of PABEA's Legislative
> Committee, where I have worked with Mrs. Schick for several years, in
> advocating for the interests of Hawaii's elders, their families and
> care givers. More recently, Mrs. Schick and I have served together on
> the State's Home for Life Task Force. Thus I have had ample
> opportunity to observe Eudice Schick "in action," so to speak.
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> I can assure this Committee that "Eudie" Schick is a tireless and
> effective advocate for elders and for persons with disabilities of all
> ages. Mrs. Schick is currently Chair of PABEA and a member (and
> former Chair) of its Legislative Committee. As a Committee member,
> she has always taken on more than her share of responsibilities, as
> for example in contacting and meeting with Legislators about PABEA's
> priority issues. Often, it is difficult for other Committee members
> to make these meetings, but Mrs. Schick almost always makes it her
> business to attend. When she was Committee Chair, our meetings were
> always well organized, and conducted in such a way as to give all
> members an opportunity to share their opinions and have questions
> answered.
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> Thus, I have no hesitation in recommending that Eudice Schick be
> reappointed to PABEA. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this
> testimony.