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

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**Committee on Human Services**

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

**Thursday, April 7, 2011**

**2:00 p.m.**

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the nomination of Ms. Abelina  
2 Shaw to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).  
3 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Shaw is currently an attorney in private practice, but has a  
4 wealth of experience in public service. Some of the positions that Ms. Shaw has previously held  
5 for the City and County of Honolulu include Chief of Staff to Mayor Jeremy Harris, Director of  
6 the Department of Community Services, and First Deputy Director of the Office of Corporation  
7 Council. Ms. Shaw has also served in the executive branch of government as the Deputy Director  
8 of Health, Special Assistant to the Governor in Human Resources, and Deputy Attorney General.  
9 In the legislative branch, Ms. Shaw was with the House Majority Research Office and a legislative  
10 aide. In the judicial branch, Ms. Shaw was the Judiciary Administrative Staff Attorney for the  
11 Supreme Court, and a law clerk to Associate Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Menor. Ms. Shaw  
12 also serves on a number of boards and community organizations. Ms. Shaw has the requisite  
13 skills and administrative experience in all branches of government, and for these reasons, EOA  
14 supports the nomination of Ms. Shaw. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.