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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY JEAN  
WITHINGTON, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

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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. Beverly  
2 Jean Withington to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

3 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Withington practiced nursing at Honokaa Hospital and Hilo  
4 Hospital from 1971 – 1983, and then changed her career to law of which she has been practicing  
5 from 1987 to the present. Ms. Withington spent most of her legal career with the Hawaii County  
6 Office of the Corporation Counsel, Family Support Division. Upon her retirement from the  
7 county, Ms. Withington maintained a small private practice in family law and was also the East  
8 Hawaii Field Representative for Congresswoman Mazie Hirono. Ms. Withington is involved in  
9 many community and professional organizations including the Hawaii County Sub-area Health  
10 Counsel, the Board of Registration, and the Board of Directors for Hospice of Hilo. We believe  
11 that Ms. Withington has a diverse set of skills and an informed background to be a valuable  
12 member of the Board. For these reasons, EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Withington.  
13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.