

Testimony on: **GM 728, Confirmation of Beverly Jean Withington**

Hearing Date: **Thursday, April 7th, 2011 2:00 PM**
Room: **Conference Room 016**

To: **Chairman Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara and all Committee Members**

From: **Albert E. Beeman**
Private Citizen
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Subject: **In Favor of Confirmation (GM 728)**

Aloha Members of the Committee on Human Services,

I urge you to vote in favor of the confirmation of Beverly Jean Withington to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs).

I known and have worked with Beverly Jean Withington on many Seniors issues here on the Big Island including work with AARP. Beverly Jean believes that community involvement is an obligation. I have often seen Mrs Withington go out of her way to help solve problems for Seniors.

Beverly Jean Withington is, at the age of 75, still practicing family Law in Hilo and I know her to be honest, open minded, responsible and dependable. In her work she is also very familiar with the needs of Seniors who have had to take on the role of raising their grandchildren, a very common occurrence in Hawaii.

As a Senior and a working lawyer herself she is particularly able to advise Elder Affairs. Jeani is also a trained nurse.

Background:

Currently resides in the Puna District of Hawaii County
Graduated from UH William S Richardson Law School
Experienced Registered Nurse
Has lived in Hawaii more than 40 years.

I cannot think of a more qualified candidate to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, I urge confirmation.

Mahalo for your time,



Albert E. Beeman
Hilo

April 7th, 2011

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Comments:

I support Jeani Whittington for
Policy Advisory Board for Elders.
Jeani is a caring and competent person and would have invaluable insight for this position.

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Comments:

I am testifying in support of GM 728, The Appointment of Beverly Jean Withington to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Ms. Withington is both an attorney and a Registered Nurse. This gives her a unique perspective which highly qualifies her to this position. I have known Ms. Withington for many years and I have observed her commitment to community service. Her service is a model that we all can use as an example. I urge you in the strongest of terms to support her Appointment as Nominated by Governor Abercrombie.

Mahalo,
John A. Ervin

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Submitted on: 4/7/2011

Comments:

I would urge your support for the seating of Jeanni Withington on the Policy Board for Elder Affairs. Ms. Withington has made major contributions to our Big Island community. She would undoubtedly be a strong voice for all policies that better opportunities for seniors statewide. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/7/2011

Comments:

I would like to offer my support for Ms. Withington's appointment, she is uniquely well qualified for the appointed position, as she has been a Registered Nurse, and is currently a licensed practicing Attorney in Hawaii. Ms. Withington's past experience in appointive positions in the State of Hawaii along with her administrative background as the prior Hawaii State Democratic Party Chairwoman, has proven her ability to work with individuals of diverse backgrounds and opinions in pursuit of a higher goal, service to the people of our state.

The ability to understand and interpret statutes and regulations inherent in the practice of law lends a quality of competency and thoughtfulness necessary to actively participate in the administrative functions required for this appointive position.

I have every confidence Beverly Jean Withington will prove to be significantly better qualified than my humble words can convey.

Philip G. Matlage