

# GM 745

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOY MIYASAKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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### Committee on Human Services

**GM745 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Joy Miyasaki, for a term to expire June 30, 2017.**

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

**Thursday, April 11, 2013; Conference Room 016**

**1:00 p.m.**

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) **supports** the nomination of Ms. Joy
- 2 Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Joy Miyasaki, an attorney since 1981, practices in all aspects of
- 4 estate planning and trust administration. Her practice includes planning for closely-held
- 5 businesses and their owners. She assists clients in the formation of tax-exempt organizations and
- 6 provides ongoing representation to tax exempt organizations. She also represents clients in
- 7 income, estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax controversies and in tax collection
- 8 matters. Ms. Miyasaki teaches estate planning as an adjunct faculty member at the UH Law
- 9 School, and was selected as an Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2008. Ms. Miyasaki is listed in
- 10 *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Hawaii Super Lawyers*. Her community activities include
- 11 Hawaii Women Lawyers, Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, and Project Dana. For these
- 12 reasons, EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Miyasaki. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon  
Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Testimony Is Directed To: Senate Committee on Human Services

Measure: GM745 Joy Miyasaki, Gubernatorial Nominee for the  
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Date & Time of Hearing: Thursday, April 11, 2013, 1:00 p. m.

Position: PABEA **strongly supports** the nomination and  
confirmation of Joy Miyasaki to the Policy  
Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

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

I am Gary Simon, Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is  
an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty-five years,  
and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

PABEA wholeheartedly supports the nomination and confirmation of Joy Miyasaki, J. D.,  
to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I personally have known Ms. Miyasaki since the 1990's and for the last two years as a  
fellow board member of PABEA.

She currently is an attorney with the Law Offices of Shuichi Miyasaki, a practice  
established by her father, a well-respected tax and estate-planning lawyer.

Ms. Miyasaki is an expert in tax and estate planning, trust and estate administration,  
and tax controversy and collection matters. She has practiced in New York City and with  
the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service. She is a Fellow of the American  
College of Trust and Estate Counsel and an Editorial Board Member of Practical Tax  
Lawyer, published by ALI-ABA. She is actively involved with the HSBA Tax Section, the  
HSBA Probate and Estate Planning Section, and the Hawaii Women's Legal  
Foundation.

Ms. Miyasaki's expertise and interests will contribute greatly to the work of PABEA in its  
endeavor to enhance and protect the health and welfare of our elders and their families  
and caregivers.

We urge you to support the nomination and confirmation of Joy Miyasaki to PABEA, and  
we thank you for seriously considering her nomination.

Very sincerely,  
Gary Simon *Gary Simon 04/10/2013*  
Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs



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April 10, 2013

To: The Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Joshua Green, Vice Chair  
Members of the Human Services Committee

Date: April 11, 2013  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol

From: Rose Nakamura, Administrator, Project Dana

Subject: Ms. Joy M. Miyasaki's nomination to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs. GM 745

I very **strongly support** the nomination of Ms. Joy M. Miyasaki submitted by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

Ms. Miyasaki has had a keen and genuine interest in supporting and contributing to Hawaii's multicultural community needs at all levels. She was involved in the development of the Pacific Buddhist Academy serving as a trustee and provided legal counsel and expertise. She serves on the Project Dana Advisory Council and provides tremendous support with her pro bono contributions to this statewide interfaith volunteer caregivers program. Project Dana has been grateful to Ms. Miyasaki as well as to her late father, Shuichi Miyasaki, for their wisdom particularly in legal advice to Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and other non-profit organizations. She was recognized as "Honolulu Best Lawyers Trust and Estate Lawyer of the Year" for 2012.

As a lawyer, Ms. Miyasaki has had long standing experiences in trust and estate planning to include teaching, speaking engagements, and authored publications. She has been with the Law Offices of Shuichi Miyasaki, a family owned law firm who has helped many elders.

Ms. Miyasaki, herself, is a devoted family caregiver and is sensitive in providing quality care to her family.

It is my honor to very strongly support Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Ms. Joy Miyasaki to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

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To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226

Date and Time of Hearing: Thursday, April 11, 2013, 1 p.m.  
Measure Number: GM 745  
RE: Joy Miyasaki/Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)

Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

It is a pleasure to provide testimony in **strong support** of Joy Miyasaki, nominated by Governor Abercrombie to PABEA for a term to expire on June 30, 2017. I have submitted testimony in support of her nomination to PABEA for a previous term. I continue to strongly support her nomination to PABEA.

Approximately 11 years ago, I first met Joy Miyasaki when she was serving as a Director on the board of Hawaii Women Lawyers. In large part, Joy introduced me to Hawaii Women Lawyers and inspired me to join as a Director. It was a pleasure and privilege to be on the Hawaii Women Lawyers board while she served as President. I remained on the board, and last year, I also served as President of Hawaii Women Lawyers.

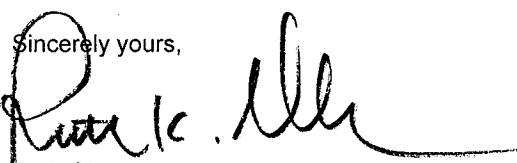
I practiced immigration law in private firms for approximately 20 years, and I have appreciated knowing Joy as a trusted colleague who I consider a person of highest character and integrity.

Over the time I have known Joy, I have respected and admired her as a highly regarded, dedicated attorney specializing in trusts and estate planning. Deserving of many accolades and honors, Joy stands out as an attorney who is extremely accomplished as a private practitioner, law school adjunct faculty member, speaker, mentor and active member of many diverse community organizations and professional committees. Her professional activities include but are not limited to: serving as Treasurer for the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court; being selected as Adjunct Professor of the Year; serving as President of the Hawaii Estate Planning Council; and serving as Chair of the Tax Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Joy is very generous with her time and experiences, having volunteered countless hours sharing her knowledge and expertise through her active involvement in the community throughout her career.

Due to the nature of her legal practice, Joy is familiar with personal and financial issues that arise for elderly individuals and their families and issues that arise in providing services to them. She is very hardworking, approachable and personable.

She would contribute significantly to the work of PABEA, and I continue to strongly support her nomination to PABEA based on her expertise in areas of law affecting elder affairs and her impressive commitment to serve with excellence in all activities she generously performs for the betterment of our community in the State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Ruth Oh