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Committee on Human Services

HB1258, RELATING TO AGING

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

Thursday, February 14, 2013; Conference Room 329

9:30 a.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) does not take a position on this measure.

2 **Purpose and Justification:** Per a discussion with our Deputy Attorney General, we recommend
3 replacing the current language with the following:

4 “(b) The board, by a majority vote at a meeting called for the purpose and attended by a
5 quorum may recommend to the governor that the governor honor a non ex officio member
6 by a lifetime appointment to the board. If the governor accepts the board's
7 recommendation, the non ex officio member so honored shall have all rights and privileges
8 of a non ex officio member for a term limited only by the non ex officio member's lifetime.

9 The lifetime appointment shall be made by the governor without regard to section 26-34.”

10 We believe that this language is clearer while maintaining the integrity of the original
11 intent. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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February 14, 2013

TESTIMONY TO: House Committee on Human Services
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **HB 1258 - RELATING TO AGING**
Thursday, February 14, 2013
9:30 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, conference room 329

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 1258 – RELATING TO AGING that allows the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) to recommend to the governor or legislature that lifetime membership be granted to a member, which includes all the rights and privileges of a regular member. I am Alan Parker, Executive on Aging for the Hawai'i County Office of Aging (HCOA).

It is my understanding that this bill is a housekeeping measure that would allow lifetime member Shimeji (Shim) Kanazawa all the privileges of regular membership, including the right to vote. Mrs. Kanazawa is an honored and respected member of the aging community. She has been tireless in her work on behalf of the elderly; founding Project Dana and serving on numerous Boards and Commissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1258.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Parker".

Alan R. Parker
Executive on Aging



TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.

HEARING: 9:30 am Thursday February 14, 2013
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: HB 1258 Relating to Aging

DESCRIPTION: This bill allows the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs to grant members lifetime membership including all the rights a privileges of a regular member.

POSITION: I **support** HB 1258.

RATIONALE:

The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs currently has a life-time honorary member, Shimuzu Kanizawa, who was an early leader of the Executive Office on Aging and in gaining recognition of the issues facing elder members of our community. This bill would extend voting rights and other privileges of Board membership to her. She is well-deserving of being treated as full member of the Board.

We hope the Legislature will pass this bill to provide this deserved recognition.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Lancaster	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill costs taxpayers nothing yet it truly honors those who have given so much. If someone has earned the distinction of "Lifetime Member", then the wisdom of their experience must be considered with their vote. Please support this legislation making it so.

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