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Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Our Board advises the Executive Office on Aging (EOA), and advocates on behalf of Hawaii's older citizens. My testimony reflects the views of PABEA, and not necessarily those of any other organization.

PABEA has long been concerned with all forms of abuse of older persons, including financial abuse. This problem has frequently surfaced when family members have taken over care of a frail or disabled older person, and have had access to the financial resources of that person. Family related abuse of all kinds continues to be a major issue. In recent years, however, with the greater use of credit cards, Internet purchasing, and other technological innovations, older people are exposed to a wider range of fraudulent schemes and scams. Many of these require the person to remove sums of money from his or her bank account, and transfer it elsewhere in hopes of an anticipated large gain. These schemes are especially attractive at a time when interest rates are extremely low, and older people have difficulty making do with their existing funds. Senate Bill 102 attempts to curtail at least one type of financial fraud. It pertains to situations where bank officials or employees notice suspected fraud affecting an older person. The bill requires bank personnel to report suspected fraud to both the appropriate county police agency and the state department of human services. It further requires that this reporting be done immediately, or as soon as possible, either by phone, fax, or e-mail. The department of human services is then obligated to see whether State adult protective laws have been violated, and the police department investigates for possible criminal behavior.

The provision for immediate reporting is especially important inasmuch as money can change hands very quickly, with the perpetrator then vanishing into thin air. We believe that this bill will be helpful in identifying potential fraud quickly so that effective action can be taken. We strongly urge your support for SB 102, SD 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this important legislation.

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Comments: i support urgent passage of this bill to help protect kupuna and elder generation

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