

SB 54

Measure Title: RELATING TO AGING.

Report Title: Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Lifetime Membership

Description: Allows the policy advisory board for elder affairs to grant members lifetime membership, which includes all the rights and privileges of a regular member, upon approval by all regular members of the board.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HMS/HTH

Introducer(s): CHUN OAKLAND, Espero, Galuteria

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Committee on Human Services

Committee on Health

SB54, RELATING TO AGING

**Testimony of Wes Lum
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Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Wednesday, January 30, 2013; Conference Room 229

2:05 p.m.

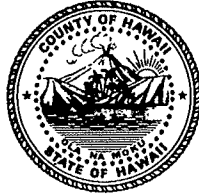
1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) does not take a position on this measure.

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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January 29, 2013

TESTIMONY TO: Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **SB 54 - RELATING TO AGING**
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
2:05 p.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, conference room 229

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 54 – 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 SB 54.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Parker
Executive on Aging



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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Joshua Green, MD, Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.

HEARING: 2:05 pm Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

SUBJECT: SB 54 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. r.

POSITION: I support SB 54.

RATIONALE:

The Policy Board for Elder Affairs has a statutory obligation to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens of Hawaii. While we advise the Executive Office on Aging, we do not speak on behalf of the Executive Office of Aging.

The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs currently as a life-time honorary member, Shimuzu Kanizawa, who was an early leader in gaining recognition of the 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.