

GM 775

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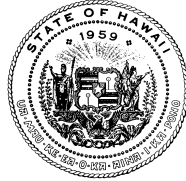
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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 775
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
Gubernatorial Nominee, John Tomoso, for a term to expire June 30, 2020

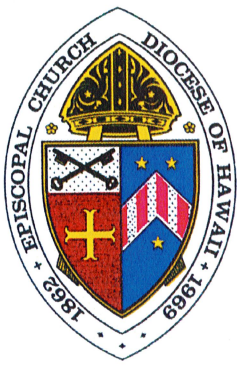
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Testimony of Terri Byers
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: April 12, 2016 Room Number: 016
1:15pm

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is in strong support of the nomination
2 of Mr. John Tomoso to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

3 **Comments:** Mr. John Tomoso brings a wealth of knowledge to his role on PABEA previously
4 serving as Executive Director of Hui Ke Ola Pono, Executive for the Maui County Office on
5 Aging, and professional experiences as a social worker, administrator, grants specialist, and
6 probation officer. Mr. Tomoso has been appointed to numerous boards and committees such as
7 the Maui County Board of Ethics, Maui Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaiian
8 Homes Commission, and the Affirmative Action Advisory Council for Maui. He is affiliated
9 with the Maui Joint Advocacy Committee on Senior Affairs and the National Association of
10 Social Workers. For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Mr. Tomoso for PABEA.
11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop

April 7, 2016

The Suzanne Chun Oakland
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Support Letter for John Tomoso
Nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**

Dear Senator Chun Oakland:

I write in support of Mr. John Tomoso who has been nominated by Governor Ige to a new term on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). I heartily support this nomination.

With almost four decades of experience in the Social Work field, as well as being a caregiver in his family, Mr. Tomoso is well-suited to serve on this Board. Additionally, he has been deeply involved with the church at the local and national levels and with the community as a volunteer, trainer and leader. He is a person of passion with a firm desire to help the community and appreciates that serving in these capacities requires a multiplicity of skills, which he generously shares with others.

Thank you for your time in considering John's experience, qualifications and achievements to serve on this Board. If you have any questions, please contact me at 536-7776 x302 or by e-mail at RLFitzpatrick@EpiscopalHawaii.org.

Yours faithfully,

Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop of Hawai'i



Testifier's Name: Gary Simon
President
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Testimony Is Directed To: Senate Committee on Human Services

MEASURE: GM 775
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Date & Time of Hearing: Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 1:15 p. m.

Position: **The Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition strongly supports the nomination of John Tomoso to the Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs.**

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

I am Gary Simon, President of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC).

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

I have known John Tomoso since 2005.

I have found John to be a wise associate. His ability to think globally and act locally and his gift of articulating ideas and principles incisively has contributed greatly to our deliberations and endeavors in advocating for policies and programs which protect and improve the well-being of our Kupuna and their caregivers.

We urge you to support the nomination of John Tomoso and to recommend his confirmation.

Very sincerely,
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April 6, 2016

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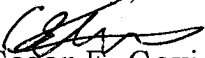
Re: John A. H. Tomoso, Nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. John Tomoso over 22 years, as a fellow citizen and also because of John's prior employment with Maui County where he worked on various positions there. We worked together on many projects and activities throughout the years.

In all the years that I have known Mr. Tomoso, he has continually impressed me with his ability to lead and successfully worked with the community on many projects. He always took his leadership responsibilities seriously and did an excellent job, especially during his tenure as a Director of the Maui County Office on Aging, creating positive outcomes for all seniors on Maui County. He is articulate, professional and an excellent negotiator. He prepares extensively for every meeting and presentation to ensure that his message is not only heard but understood. His passion for a good cause is infectious and presents a very pleasant working atmosphere for his fellow colleagues. I feel confident in saying that he is capable of handling any situation with thoughtfulness and maturity.

Since become acquainted with Mr. Tomoso, he has become not only a trusted colleague but also a dear and valued friend. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with him and I am certain that he will do an excellent job as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Should you wish to speak with me personally, please call at 808-244-5546.

Sincerely,


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April 11, 2016

Testimony In Support for Confirmation for Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY JEAN WITHINGTON, for the Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs (PABEA) GM 775

Committee on Human Services, Hearing: April 12, 2016, 1:15 pm; Conference Rm 016

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair, Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

My name is Charlene Iboshi and I am currently on the PABEA, Legislative Committee. I live on Hawaii Island and retired as the Hawaii County Prosecutor. I have known Gubernatorial Nominee Beverly Jean Withington since she became an attorney, after having a nursing career at the Hilo Hospital. She has served Hawaii Island as a PABEA Board Member for one term. Ms. Withington encouraged me to participate in PABEA's Legislative Subcommittee three years ago. She is knowledgeable about elder affairs and lives the issues facing elders in Hawaii.

Ms. Withington is knowledgeable with elder matters and brings many insights, based on her legal and medical experience, along with her political experience. She would continue to be a dedicated and committed PABEA Board Member. Ms. Withington's passion and commitment to serve the elder community is known in work with the Executive Office Of Aging and current PABEA.

I recommend that the Senate Confirm Beverly Jean Withington, as a PABEA Board Member with a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

\s\Charlene Iboshi
Attorney-At-Law

April 11, 2016

MEMO TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

F R O M: Gladys C. Baisa
Councilmember



SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 12, 2016; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM775, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHN TOMOSO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE ON 06-30-2020**

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I am writing to urge the Senate Committee on Human Services to confirm the nomination of Gubernatorial Nominee **John Tomoso** to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, when it comes before your committee on April 12.

Mr. Tomoso is definitely an appropriate person for this appointment which represents Maui County. I believe he has the knowledge and background for this Commission.

I have known Mr. Tomoso for many years. He has the initiative and dedication to make a significant difference and I confidently believe that he will continue to do a good job.

I strongly support his appointment with no reservations.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Cisler	PABEA	Support	No

Comments: John Tomoso contributes a knowledgeable, experienced voice for our elders, both in Maui county and across our State. He is an effective advocate for all of us over sixty. I support his nomination with absolutely no reservations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Yuan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination of Mr. John Tomoso to the PABEA for a term to expire 6-30-2020. I have known John since 2013 as a fellow PABEA member. He is very outspoken and passionate about working to improve the health and support system for the kupuna in Maui County. John is also an effective advocate for continuing the enhancement of the state's aging network. With him, he brings 39 years of accumulated experience as a social worker, AAA Director, consultant, executive director, and clergyman to the Board. I am confident that John will continue to make great contributions to the PABEA in the new term. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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April 7, 2016

Sunny Chuang
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To: Representative Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chairman
Representative Gil Riviere, Vice Chairman
And members of the Senate Committee on Human Services

Re: GM 775, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN TOMOSO, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Hello, my name is Sunny Chuang, I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and this is going to be my first testimony that I ever submitted so please take it easy on me. I am writing to ask that you consider John Tomoso to be the Policy Advisory for Elder Affairs. John will be a great fit for this position because he was appointed by Gov. Abercrombie to serve on the Policy Advisory for Elder Affairs back in 2011 and he did a great job. John is really familiar with this position because of previous position as I mentioned. I truly believe he will do a great fit for this position.

Thank you for taking your time to read my testimony and I hope this will help you choose the right person for this position.

Sincerely,
Sunny Chuang
4/7/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

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