

GM 776

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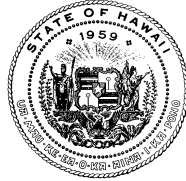
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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 776
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Beverly Jean Withington, for a term to expire June 30, 2020

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COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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 Ms. Beverly Jean Withington to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 3 **Comments:** Ms. Beverly Jean Withington has served on the PABEA board for the past five
- 4 years representing Hawaii island. Ms. Withington had a full career as a registered professional
- 5 nurse at Honokaa Hospital and Hilo Hospital from 1971 until 1983. She then set out on her next
- 6 career, was accepted to the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law,
- 7 graduated in 1986, passed the bar exam and returned to Hilo in 1987 to practice law. Ms.
- 8 Withington worked at Hawaii County Office of the Corporation Counsel, Family Support
- 9 Division from 1987 till 1999 when she retired.
- 10 Ms. Withington has been actively involved in several community and professional organizations
- 11 in both law and nursing, including the Hawaii County Sub-area Health Counsel, Board of

- 1 Registration, Board of Directors of Hospice of Hilo, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- 2 Advisory Board for the University of Hawaii at Hilo BSN College of Nursing. For these
- 3 reasons, EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Withington.
- 4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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

Comments: Jeannie Withington is a responsible and experienced advocate for all us elders. She represents a strong voice from Hawaii Island and provides a devoted, supportive resource for all elders in Hawaii Nei. Please confirm her appointment.

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March 6, 2016

TO: Committee on Human Services: Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs

RE: GM 776 (2016) – SUPPORT

Date: March 6, 2016

FROM: Julie McGee - Individual Citizen, University of Hawaii Graduate Student of Social Work

I, Julie McGee, strongly support the efforts to pass GM 776, as I see the importance of a community member supporting our elderly affairs.

As a full-time contributor to the healthcare workforce in the state of Hawaii , as well as an intern through the graduate program at the University of Hawaii School of Social Work, more then ever do I see a need for policy change revolved around how we afford long term care, as well as other pressing elderly affair issues. With the older adult generation rapidly growing, we have a duty as professionals to make change for the greater good and make long term care affordable and available to those in need.

I am in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY WITHINGTON,for I believe her past experience in healthcare and being a resident in the Hawai'i community for 44 years would be a beneficial asset.

Julie McGee, BSW
MSW student
University School of Social Work

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

Comments: I am writing a personal testimony in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Beverly "Jeannie" Withington to the PABEA for a term to expire 6-30-2020. I have known her since 2013, ever since I began serving on the PABEA and I enjoy working with her. Jeannie is committed and well-represents the kupuna of the Big Island. In addition, she has 60 years of combined experience as a registered nurse and a lawyer, which makes her insight valuable for PABEA. I am confident that Jeannie will continue to contribute to the Board and be a strong advocate for Hawaii's older adults in the new term. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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