

# GM 823

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT SPALLINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

**Report Title:** Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs

**Description:**

**Companion:**

**Package:**

**Current Referral:** HMS

**Introducer(s):**



April 11, 2016

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
Chair, Senate Committee on Human Services

RE: GM 823: Appointment of Scott Spallina to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly  
Affairs

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director for AARP Hawaii, a social change organization that advocates on behalf of seniors to in the areas of healthcare, financial resiliency, livable communities and quality of life as people age. AARP has more than 150,000 members in Hawaii.

AARP Hawaii **strongly endorses** Scott Spallina's nomination to PABEA. Scott would be an outstanding appointment to the PABEA. His career has demonstrated his compassionate advocacy for our most vulnerable residents in Hawaii. In 2008, he created the Elder Abuse Justice Unit in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and also supervised the Domestic Violence Unit.

AARP has had the privilege of working with this hardworking committed senior advocate for the past three years, where he has distinguished himself in protecting the elderly from fraud by doing countless community presentations, often several a week, that were received gratefully by our community for their clarity and substance.

Scott has the compassion, experience, and leadership to be an outstanding advocate for our kupuna. He is a tireless worker who is always willing to meet with seniors 24/7. He will add depth and leadership to PABEA and provide the kind of thoughtful analytical guidance that will serve our kupuna well.

AARP supports the nomination of this outstanding individual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara Kim Stanton'.

AARP State Director

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## **Testimony In Support for Confirmation for Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Spallina, for the Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs (PABEA) GM823**

**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. Over the past decade and more, I have known Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Spallina, Supervisor for the Honolulu Prosecutor's Elder Abuse Justice Unit. Mr. Spallina started the Elder Abuse Unit before it was a "popular" prosecution area. He was a pioneer for educating the agencies, financial institutions, deputy prosecutors and elders to prevent elder fraud. He was a "one man show" for prosecuting the felony elder abuse cases.

Mr. Spallina is knowledgeable with elder matters and would bring many insights to the elder issues in his role as the Elder Abuse Justice Unit Supervisor. No doubt, he would be dedicated and committed PABEA Board Member. His passion and commitment to serve the elder community is known throughout the criminal justice system.

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

Sincerely,

\s\Charlene Iboshi  
Attorney-At-Law