

# GM557

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN WYATT, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Current Referral: CPH

Kathleen Wyatt

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?  
I have been working with the elderly for over 17 years and it is my passion to help make their senior years the best they can be. Seeing the work that the Advisory Board does has inspired me to become more involved in protecting our kupuna and to be better informed about issues in which the Board is involved.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?  
I believe that members of the Board need to be informed about the legislative issues that affect kupuna, contribute expertise to the group based on knowledge and experience, and contribute ideas that will assist in the mission of the Board.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?  
Being actively involved in the Advisory Board, as well as the other organizations dedicated to our kupuna, I feel that by contributing my knowledge and expertise to the group will help protect them.
- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.  
I have an adult day care in Aiea, I am on the Kokua Council Board of Directors, the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society Board, and the Caregiver Foundation Board. I feel that I can contribute to what the goals of the Board are and continue my mission to promote positive aging based on my involvement with organizations that are dedicated to protecting our kupuna.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
I hope to be able to contribute to the Board in making decisions for our senior citizens, to having my voice heard as a concerned citizen and to become more knowledgeable in the legislative process.
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.  
I am passionate about the needs of the elderly and their caregivers.  
I am dedicated to being a part of a process to make the lives of seniors the best that it can be. I am dependable for participation on the Board for whatever contributions I can make.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.  
I have been working with the elderly in the capacity of Director of Nursing in skilled nursing homes, Administrator in skilled nursing homes, Executive

Director in an Assisted Living Facility, and now run an adult day care center. I feel that having been involved with all of these venues, as well as providing caregiver support groups island-wide, I can contribute an insight into many issues the Board will be involved in.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not see any possibility of a conflict of interest that would arise during my service on the Board.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

**GM 557 Kathleen Wyatt**

Conference Room 229, 10:00 a.m.

March 7, 2018

*Testimony of John G. McDermott, LSW, ACSW, M.Div.  
State Long Term Care Ombudsman*

**Position:** The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman **strongly supports** this nomination.

Good morning, Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Committee,

My name is John G. McDermott and I have been the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (SLTCO) since August of 1998. Part of my responsibilities are to visit all our long-term care facilities, talk to the residents about problems or concerns they are having, and then work with staff and administration to address those problems and concerns to the residents' satisfaction. It is in this capacity that I got to know Kathy Wyatt and it is with great pleasure that I testify in support of the nomination of Kathleen Wyatt to the State Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

I first met Kathy when she was the Director of Nursing at Avalon Care Center (October 2012 – May 2013). I found her to be very professional, caring, open to feedback, and a true advocate for her residents.

I again worked with Kathy when she became the Executive Director for Oceanside Hawaii Assisted Living in Hau'ula (June 2013 – September 2014). Again, she impressed me with her knowledge, compassion, openness, and desire to make a difference. And she did make a difference.

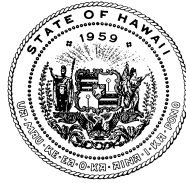
Since then, Kathy has taken on a greater community leadership role starting her own adult day care center (Hale Hau'oli) and recently creating her non-profit organization "Hale Hau'oli Hawaii," with a mission to "*promote positive aging through community education programs, adult day care options, and caregiver support.*"

It's clear Kathy's "mission" is very similar to that of PABEA and that is why I support this nomination and hope you will too. Mahalo.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

John G. McDermott, LSW, ACSW, M.Div  
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0557**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder**  
**Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kathleen Wyatt, for a term to expire 06-30-2019**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATOR JILL N. TOKUDA, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: March 7, 2018  
10:00 am

Room Number: 229

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health, is in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Kathleen Wyatt, LNHA, MBA, MSN,
- 3 RN to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 4 **Comments:** Ms. Kathleen Wyatt is an experienced leader specializing in meeting the needs of
- 5 the elderly and their caregivers, patient satisfaction, core measures, and survey readiness.
- 6 Ms. Wyatt has a Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, and a
- 7 Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She serves as President of Hale Hau`oli Hawai`i, a non-profit
- 8 organization that she developed to promote positive aging through community education
- 9 programs, adult day care options, and caregiver support.
- 10 Her volunteer activities are numerous and currently includes work on the Hawaii Pacific
- 11 Gerontological Association Board, Caregiver Foundation Board, Hawaii Family Caregiver
- 12 Coalition, Kokua Council, Adult Day Centers Hawaii, Kokua Mau Hospice Palliative Care, West

1 Oahu Community Coalition, Honolulu Community Coalition, and American College of  
2 Healthcare Executives.  
3 For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Ms. Kathleen Wyatt. Thank you for the  
4 opportunity to testify.  
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Testimony for CPH on 3/7/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jim Cisler	Testifying for PABEA	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha all!

Kathy Wyatt gets things done. Her attributes: intelligence. Commitment. Insight. Her experience includes accomplishments in Health Care and commercial business enterprise. This rare blend of talent and knowledge makes her an extremely effective advocate to serve our elder population here in Hawaii Nei. I look forward to working with some one who is determined to make life better for all those she touches with her efforts.

Sincerely submitted

Jim Cisler, member,

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Executive Office on Aging

Department of Health, State of Hawaii

re: GM557 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Board of Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kathleen Wyatt, for a term to expire 6-30-19.

Hearing set for March 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and committee members..

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am an active member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

Through those roles, I am well acquainted with Kathleen Wyatt, her nursing skills and dedication and commitment to enriching the lives of the Kupuna of our state.

I heartily recommend Kathleen Wyatt to serve on the PABEA board.

Barbara J. Service, MSW (Retired)



27 February 2018

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
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Regarding: GM 557: Kathleen Wyatt, Nominee for the Policy Advisory Board for  
Elder Affairs (PABEA)

Dear Senator Baker:

I am Gary Simon, Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and President of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition.

I have known Kathleen "Kathy" Wyatt since June of 2017, when we met at the Honolulu Elderly Affairs Division Senior Summit held at the Blaisdell.

Kathy currently serves with me on PABEA as an interim appointee pending confirmation by the Senate in the current legislative session.

Kathy also has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition since October of 2017.

In the brief time that I have known Kathy, I have found her to be an assertive and insightful, perceptive, and positive voice for our kupuna, especially with regard to advancing policies and programs which protect and enhance their health and welfare and the health and welfare of their family caregivers.

Kathy will be a valuable addition to PABEA and its work.

Very truly yours,  
Gary Simon  
Chair, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs  
President, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition.