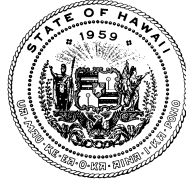


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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0706
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Gary Simon, for a term to expire June 30, 2022

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: April 11, 2018
9:30 am

Room Number: 229

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

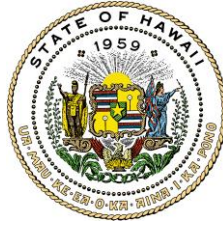
3 **Comments:** Mr. Simon has a long history with PABEA in a variety of leadership roles and is
4 currently serving as chair. He has worked in healthcare for almost three decades, is President of
5 the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, and serves on the board of Kokua Mau. Mr. Simon has a
6 broad understanding of the range of issues in the field of aging and expertise in advocating for
7 policies and programs which protect and enhance the health and welfare of our kupuna and their
8 caregivers.

9 For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Mr. Simon for PABEA.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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April 4, 2018

To Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

The Executive Office on Aging is in support of the nomination of Mr. Gary Simon to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Mr. Simon has a long history with PABEA in a variety of leadership roles and is currently serving as chair. He has worked in healthcare for almost three decades, is President of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition, and serves on the board of Kokua Mau. Mr. Simon has a broad understanding of aging issues and expertise in advocating for policies and programs which protect and enhance the health and welfare of our kupuna and their caregivers.

Thank you,

Terri Byers

Terri Byers
Director,
Executive Office on Aging

TO : SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION & HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair,
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,
Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC)

SUBJECT: GM 706 Confirming the Governor's nominee of Gary Simon to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

HEARING: Wednesday April 11, 2018 9:30 am
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

POSITION: The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition **strongly SUPPORTS confirmation of Gary Simon who the Governor has nominated to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.**

RATIONALE:

The Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition (HFCC) is a coalition of agencies and individuals committed to addressing the needs of family caregivers and improving the ability of family caregivers to provide quality care for their frail and disabled loved ones.

Gary Simon is concluding his term as President of the Policy Advisory Committee for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Gary has a long record of serving on the Legislative Committee Chairing that Committee. Gary is an established professional in the care of elder adults in his role as an administrator with St. Francis Hospice. Gary also currently serves as the President of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition. Through his years of working and volunteering in this field, he is highly knowledgeable about the issues which elder persons face and about the public policy challenges for addressing these issues. He is very deserving of reappointment and PABEA will be richly served by his continuing membership of the Board.

Thank you for allowing me to offer testimony.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
Witness to Jesus



DATE: April 9, 2018

TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair

FROM: Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director – Hawaii Catholic Conference

POSITION: **Strong Support for GM 706 Gary Simon**

Honorable members of the Senate Committee on Human Services, I am Walter Yoshimitsu, representing the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii in my capacity as Executive Director for the Hawaii Catholic Conference, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents Roman Catholics in the State of Hawaii.

We are pleased to support the nomination of Gary Simon to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Mr. Simon's education, experience, common sense, intellect and professionalism make him an exemplary choice to serve on the Board of Directors.

Currently Gary Simon is the Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy for St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii, an organization which provides care, comfort and support to the terminally ill. His commitment to the community is extensive and begins with one simple fact: he has worked for 28 years with St. Francis. It is apparent by his longevity, that he is committed to making life better for our elderly aging, sick and disabled community.

To further make him a perfect candidate, we note that Mr. Simon has served with other community organizations like PABEA, Kokua Mau and Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition. His educational experience with the U.S. Peace Corps (Sierra Leone Ministry of Education) will further enable him to bring a broad understanding and wisdom to the Policy Board for Elder Affairs.

In his capacity at St. Francis, I have worked directly with Mr. Simon on a number of issues, including elder care and palliative care. I have found him to be highly professional, knowledgeable, practical and compassionate in his approach to public policy. Please support his nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support.

HAWAII CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

(The public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii)



April 11, 2018 at 9:30 PM
Conference Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair Jill N. Tokuda

From: Paige Heckathorn
Senior Manager, Legislative Affairs
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
GM 706, Submitting for consideration and confirmation Mr. Gary Simon to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** the nomination of Mr. Gary Simon to once again serve as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Mr. Simon is an exceptionally qualified candidate who has an extensive background on issues relating to health care in Hawaii, especially those relating to our kupuna.

We have had the great fortune of working with Mr. Simon for several years. He currently serves on many committees within the Association, helping to oversee our key priorities with long-term care and hospice facilities throughout Hawaii. His contributions to HAH and its members have been significant in helping us fulfil our purpose and he will bring those same talents and skills to the board.

We have been very appreciative of the time that Mr. Simon has provided to the Association and we would like to offer our deepest support of Mr. Simon's nomination to serve on PABEA for another term. Thank you for your consideration of our support.

From: [Marilyn Seely](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Confirmation of Gary Simon for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs(PABEA)
Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:17:41 AM

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee,

I highly recommend Gary Simon for a Board position on PABEA because of his experience, his proven record of outstanding service and his willingness to work to achieve the mission and goals of the Board.

I have known Gary and worked with him on several boards and committees including PABEA over the years and trust his judgement and dedication to the tasks at hand.

He understands well the needs, strengths and preferences of older adults in Hawaii and uses this on their behalf to craft good policy recommendations and programs. He creates added value to this work and it is a pleasure to work with him because of his positive attitude, work ethic and leadership skills.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Gary and I hope you will consider him as a favorable candidate for confirmation.

Mahalo, Marilyn R Seely

From: [Joy Miyasaki](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Confirmation of Gary Simon For the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)
Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:27:00 PM

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I write in strong support of Gary Simon's nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Gary's extensive work and community service background in the healthcare field, including care for seniors and caregivers, will be of great value to PABEA in carrying out its mission to contribute to the solution of problems related to aging. I have had the pleasure of knowing Gary over the years and working with him on PABEA. I have observed firsthand his leadership and organizational skills, dedication, and work ethic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Joy Miyasaki

GM-706

Submitted on: 4/9/2018 7:32:01 PM

Testimony for CPH on 4/11/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John A. H. Tomoso	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

04-09-18

RE: GM706 - Gubernatorial Nominee Gary Simon, for a Term on PABEA to expire 06-30-22

Aloha kakou,

I am writing in support of the nomination of **Gary Simon**. Mr. Simon is already serving on PABEA and previously, was a member and Chair of our Legislative Committee. I know him to be a very effective, competent and seriously committed member of PABEA and, more importantly, of the wider Aging Network. I gladly and with confidence, serve along side Mr. Simon and wish him to be re-confirmed as a valued PABEA and Aging Network colleague.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

John A. H. Tomoso +, MSW, ACSW,LSW

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Submitted on: 4/9/2018 11:23:11 PM

Testimony for CPH on 4/11/2018 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-chair Tokuda, and members of the CPH:

I am writing in strong support of the nominator of Gary Simon to serve on the Policy and Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) for a term to expire 6/30/2022. As a fellow member of PABEA, I can attest that Mr. Simon is an effective and devoted advocate for older adults and their caregivers. He is currently the Chair of PABEA and was the Chair of PABEA's Legislative Committee last year; he has been an active leading member of the PABEA over the years. I believe that Mr. Simon's expertise in elder care and extensive experience in advocacy makes him an indispensable asset to PABEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.