

HB2369 HD1

- Measure Title: RELATING TO THE POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS.
- Report Title: Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Quorum
Decreases the number of members appointed to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.
- Description: Specifies that ex officio members are non-voting members. Revises the list of State agencies that provide representatives to serve as ex officio members. (HB2369 HD1)
- Companion: [SB2796](#)
- Package: Governor
- Current Referral: CPH/HMS
- Introducer(s): SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)

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Testimony for CPH on 4/2/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marilyn	Testifying for PABEA	Support	No

Comments:

[COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH](#)

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

[COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES](#)

Senator Josh Green, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, April 2, 2018 2:45 pm

Dear Chairs Mizuno and Kobayashi and members of the Committee;

I write urging you to pass this legislation which we believe will enable the PABEA to more effectively carry out its role as advisor to the Director, Executive Office on Aging on issues related to the well being of the state's older adult population.

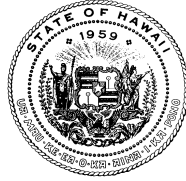
The proposed changes will increase the number of voting appointed members by one and change the status of our ex-officio members to non voting status primarily at their request. We do not believe this will diminish the participation or significance of the resources our ex officio members bring to the work of PABEA. Rather it will allow the Department Directors who are the designated ex-officio members in the statute to have more latitude in selecting surrogates without having to adhere to requirements of age and attendance. A large majority of members appointed and ex-officio agreed to these changes in a recent survey we conducted. We believe this will enable us to more easily meet our quorum as well.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Seely

Chair, Plans and Project Review Committee

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2369, HD1
Relating to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

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Testimony of Terri Byers
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Hearing Date: April 2, 2018
2:45 p.m.

Room Number: 016

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health is in strong support of this Administration proposal.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** The bill would amend section 349-4(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes to
- 5 change the composition of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). It would
- 6 decrease the number of members, specifying that ex officio members are non-voting members,
- 7 and revise the list of agencies that provide representatives to serve as ex officio members.
- 8 The changes being proposed were requested by PABEA leaders to aide in meeting quorum
- 9 requirements and in meeting Legislative intent. Decreasing the overall number of voting Board

1 members will reduce the number of Board members required to be present to meet quorum
2 requirements. Removing voting obligations of ex officio members was sought by existing
3 agency representatives who voiced concerns that included: (1) lack of information on the wide
4 array of aging issues and (2) time and resource obligations of primary work demands. The
5 change was also motivated by existing statute requirements that the Board have a majority over
6 the age of sixty years of age. Generally, ex officio members do not meet that criteria.
7 Adjustments are necessary in the list of agencies that provide ex officio members to reflect a
8 departmental name change relating to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs at the
9 State level and an organizational change impacting the Social Security Administration at the
10 federal level.

11 The Statute changes will reduce barriers currently faced by the Board (quorum, ex officio voting
12 obligations, majority representation by those over the age of sixty) while maintaining
13 engagement, collaboration, and alignment between PABEA and other government and
14 community agencies.

15 I am confident that the change in composition will maintain effective group decision making
16 while increasing the diverse membership composition to allow for a variety of viewpoints and
17 dialogue on critical issues that affect Hawaii's growing vulnerable and older adult population.

18 **Recommendation:** EOA is in strong support of this bill.

19 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.