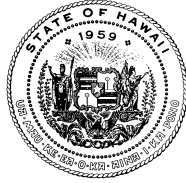


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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0741
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEVERLY GOTELLI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: May 13, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Room Number: 229

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is in strong support of the nomination
2 of Ms. Beverly Gotelli to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 3 **Comments:** Ms. Beverly Gotelli brings a strong passion and an abundance of experience as an
4 educator to her role on PABEA. She is a retired middle school teacher and brings 29 years of
5 service to the Dept. of Education. She has always been involved in supporting youth from
6 serving as a soccer coach to assisting in community events. In her retirement she serves as the
7 current President of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association, which has a membership of 5,900
8 members, and is committed to promoting the health and well-being of retired teachers. She also
9 serves on the Legislative Committee of PABEA and enjoys sewing and participating in a quilt
10 guild that makes quilts donated to charitable organizations.

- 1 For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Ms. Beverly Gotelli for PABEA. Thank
- 2 you for the opportunity to testify.

May 9, 2019

Hawaii Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Senator Rosalyn Baker-Chair, Senator Stanley Chang-Vice Chair and members of the Committee,

My name is Vaughn Tokashiki and I am writing this letter of Support for Beverly Gotelli on her Gubernatorial appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). I have known Beverly for many years and have always admired her commitment to excellence, her compassion, and her dedication to her family, friends, peers, and community.

Beverly is a retired teacher and President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired. Beverly has always been involved in leadership positions within the active (HSTA) and retired (HSTA-R) teacher organizations.

I know that she can and will maintain her leadership abilities, as well as her dedication to excellence, to a seat on PABEA. Because she is the President of HSTA-R, she will be able to transmit relevant information to teacher retirees through the HSTA-R website and quarterly online and print HSTA-R newsletters.

With her contacts within the community, Beverly will be able to engage with many people about the importance of the Executive Office of Aging, and especially PABEA.

I consider Beverly Gotelli to be an excellent choice for a seat on PABEA, and sincerely hope that she will be confirmed by your Committee and by the entire Senate.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to write in support of Beverly Gotelli for confirmation to the ABEA Board.

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May 8, 2020

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health (CPH)
Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 S Beretania St.
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Dear Committee,

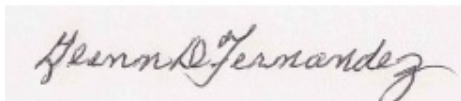
It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the nomination of Beverly Gotelli to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). As an active teacher and now as a retiree, I have worked with Bev in government relations, specifically legislative action. She has experience working with legislators and their staff. She shares her expertise with the members of the HSTA-Retired Retirement Issues Committee (RIC) and its Legislative Action Team (LAT).

Bev strives to lead the members of these committees to protect and improve the general welfare of retirees and to support public education. HSTA-Retired supports the Kupuna Caucus legislative program and prioritizes bills that are important to its members.

Bev is the current HSTA-Retired president and also served as state treasurer. In addition to RIC and LAT activities, she is a facilitator on the HSTA-Retired Pre-Retirement Planning Cadre that provides workshops for active teachers during HSTA Teachers Institute Week. She is active in the HSTA-Retired Kauai District activities as well.

Bev has the experience and leadership skills to share with PABEA in identifying issues and alternative approaches to solutions and advocating for Hawaii's Elders. I support the nomination of Beverly Gotelli to PABEA.

Yours Truly,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn D. Fernandez".

Glenn D. Fernandez

GM-741

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 8:32:30 AM

Testimony for CPH on 5/13/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Yuan	Testifying for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs	Support	No

Comments:

The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Beverly Gotelli to the PABEA for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Ms. Beverly Gotelli is a retired teacher who spent her career teaching teenagers in Maui and Kauai. She has been active in many professional and community organizations and a tireless advocate for retirees. Ms. Gotelli is currently serving on PABEA's Legislative Committee and has contributed significantly to the discussion of policies that support kupuna and their families across all counties. We, therefore, ask you to support Ms. Gotelli's appointment as a PABEA member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I believe I will be able to provide input on matters of concern to the elderly. During the past few years I've been involved with various entities that deal with our seniors. I believe I can contribute to help in their everyday living and well being.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

This is an advisory board so I would like to be able to offer ideas that may helpful in fulfilling the mission of the Office of Elderly Affairs.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

In order to protect the consumer:

1. I think we need to look at what policies and laws that needs to be revised or updated.
2. There are many individuals who are out there who are attempting to take advantage of the elderly. I think it is imperative that we inform and keep updated on best practices on how to protect the elderly.
3. I believe it is best to keep open communication on what the scams are and making the elderly aware of them. Community networks and various senior meetings are a viable way of communicating.
4. Now more than ever to get our seniors engaged in safe social media to be informed.

- (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 believe I'll be able to work collaboratively with my fellow Board members in reaching decision making on matters that concern seniors. I've been able to work with other groups and have been able to contribute as a facilitator in discussions and conduct meetings. I've also been asked to take the role of recorder and actively involved in the legislative process. I've been and continue to work with the retired teachers to assure that their well being is taken care of.

I think I can contribute to the discussions and decision making of the Board. I'll be an active listener who would like to not only contribute but also learn what is being provided for the seniors.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

It is hard to say what I would like to accomplish, I believe it would be that at the end of a term may it be a year or eight years that I did the best I could for the seniors of Hawaii. That the advice and suggestions made to the Director were based on fact and not one personal feeling.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Three qualities that best describe me and how these qualities will benefit the Board are: Responsible/Loyalty, I believe that once I've made a decision to serve on a Board it's my duty and responsibility to be loyal to that group. To support the decisions that were made collaboratively and to actively take part in the decision making. Compassionate, I'm a caring individual and will be able to empathize with those who are in greater need. I will be able to share from personal experience so others may not have to go through same experience. Moral to be able to take a stand on what is right and not something that feels good. To be able to contribute to the highest standards that the Board is measured.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

A previous experience that I've had that will be beneficial as a Board member is being a caregiver to my mother. The practical experience during the last few months of her life showed me how much I didn't know about the practical day to day operations in care giving. It showed me that it takes a lot more care and compassion to be with someone you care for 24/7.

It also showed me how care facilities are different and how procedures are not always followed as written into law.

How will this experience help on a Board it will bring a different view perspective when discussions on care facilities and discharge procedures are brought up.

I've also served on other Boards and understand the fundamentals that are in place when attending a meeting.

- (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 possible conflicts of interest, should something like that arise I would reclude myself from the discussion and decision making. Ethically it would not be right for me to sit in on anything that would be deemed a conflict.