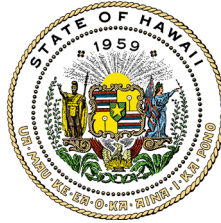


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 701**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee: Beverly Gotelli**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
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SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: April 5, 2021  
1:00 p.m.

Via Videoconference

- 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. Beverly Gotelli to the Policy Advisory
- 3 Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 4 **Comments:** Ms. Beverly Gotelli is being considered as a nominee to the PABEA for a term to
- 5 expire 6-30-2025. She previously served as a new board member of PABEA when her term
- 6 expired on 6/30/2021. She is graciously willing to serve a second term. During her initial term
- 7 she exhibited a strong passion and enthusiasm and was actively involved as a member of the
- 8 Legislative Committee, where she provided input, guidance, and recommendations to the EOA.
- 9 She has an abundance of experience and knowledge as an educator and advocate. She is a retired
- 10 middle school teacher with 29 years of service at the Department of Education. She has always
- 11 been involved in supporting Hawaii's youth from serving as a soccer coach to assisting in
- 12 community events.

1 In her retirement, she currently serves as the President of the Hawai'i State Teachers  
2 Association-Retired, which has a membership of 5,900 members, and is committed to promoting  
3 the health and well-being of retired teachers. She also volunteers at the Immaculate Conception  
4 Food Pantry. In her spare time, she enjoys sewing and participates in a quilt guild that makes  
5 hand-made quilts to donate to charitable organizations.

6 For these reasons, EOA strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Beverly Gotelli for PABEA.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-701**

Submitted on: 3/26/2021 9:37:58 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA)	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Baker, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am Gary Simon, Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA), which is an appointed board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA.

***PABEA strongly supports the nomination of Beverly Gotelli for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).***

I have known Ms. Gotelli since 2019, when she initially began serving on PABEA.

Her knowledge and skill as a professional educator have served PABEA well. Her emphatic counsel has been prudent and sensible.

Hawaii will continue to benefit greatly with her astute guidance on PABEA.

I urge you to support her nomination and confirmation, and I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

With warmest aloha,

Gary Simon

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February 6, 2021

Committee on Health  
Chair Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Dear Committee,

Communicator, Beverly Gotelli is a great communicator. I would endorse Beverly to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

For many years I have worked with Beverly as an active teacher and now as a retiree. She never hesitates to take on new challenges. She also makes sure that she shares her information, which could be with current retirees, legislators, and also acting as a facilitator on the HSTA Retired Preretirement Cadre with workshops for active teachers nearing retirement.

Beverly is the current HSTA Retired President. She has the leadership skills and experience to identify issues and alternative approaches to advocate for Hawaii's elders. I have no hesitation in supporting Beverly Gotelli for the PABEA.

Sincerely,

Sandra Gage