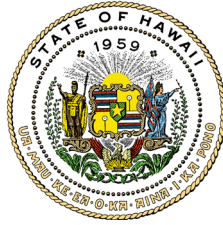


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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 705
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
Gubernatorial Nominee: Leslie Tanoue

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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. Leslie Tanoue to the Policy Advisory
- 3 Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 4 **Comments:** Ms. Leslie Tanoue is being considered as a nominee to the PABEA for a term to
- 5 expire 6-30-2025. She has a master's degree in Public Health, an Advanced Certificate in
- 6 Gerontology, and a bachelor's degree of Science in Family Resources with an emphasis in
- 7 gerontology. Ms. Tanoue has extensive education and experience in the aging field and has
- 8 spent her entire professional career of over 25 years developing and managing programs and site
- 9 activities for older adults in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Tanoue currently serves as Director of the
- 10 Kumu Kahi Department at Alu Like, Inc. and directs the planning, implementation, and
- 11 evaluation of the elderly services department.

1 Ms. Tanoue's vast knowledge, work experience, and extensive involvement working with older
2 adults provides her with a robust understanding of the needs of Hawaii's older adults and will
3 truly be an asset in providing her input, recommendations, and guidance to the EOA.
4 As the Executive Office on Aging Director, it would be an honor to have Ms. Leslie Tanoue
5 serve as a member of PABEA and I urge your support of her confirmation.
6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.