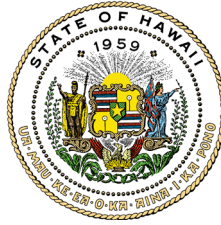


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 707**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee: Rick Tabor**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALO, CHAIR  
SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing Date: March 31, 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 Mr. Rick Tabor to the Policy Advisory Board  
3 for Elder Affairs (PABEA).  
4 **Comments:** Mr. Rick Tabor is being considered as a nominee to the PABEA for a term to  
5 expire 6-30-2025. Mr. Tabor has a long history of dedication to serving the needs of others:  
6 from youth to older adults. He started his career in the United States Navy where it led him to  
7 working in the mental health field at the Kaneohe Medical Clinic and later as a Counselor at the  
8 Hale Kipa Youth Shelter, a Parent Counselor at a group home for individuals with  
9 developmental disabilities with Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii, and as a Family Counselor at a  
10 vocational program for autistic adults at SECOH. His interests and passion would lead him back  
11 to the mental health field, where he worked for almost thirty years at Sound, an organization  
12 providing mental health and addiction treatment for the community of King County,

1 Washington. He would return to Hawaii to become the Operations Manager for three years for an  
2 in-home elder care agency, Right at Home.

3 Mr. Tabor also continues to be an active volunteer and/or member in various community  
4 organizations and advocacy groups, including: Club 100, Alzheimer's Association, Kupuna  
5 Caucus, Compassion and Choice, and Palama Settlement. He has also taken leadership roles  
6 through serving on the Board of Directors for the following organizations: Hawaii Meals on  
7 Wheels, Kokua Council, and Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society (HPGS). For the Hawaii  
8 Meals on Wheels program, he not only serves on the Board of Directors but also, along with his  
9 wife, delivers meals for the "Waikiki Dinner Route".

10 Mr. Tabor's knowledge in the mental health field, extensive work experience in serving  
11 vulnerable populations, and his dedication to contributing to community organizations and  
12 advocacy groups will be a valuable resource in providing his input, recommendations, and  
13 guidance to the EOA. As the Executive Office on Aging Director, it would be an honor to have  
14 Mr. Rick Tabor serve as a member of PABEA. I urge your support of his confirmation.  
15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-707**

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 12:58:11 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Margaret A. Perkinson, PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for HTH on 3/31/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sherry Goya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Rick Tabor for about two years. When working with Generations Magazine, I enjoyed his personality, knowledge, experience, and ideas brought to the magazine on behalf of seniors. As the Executive Director of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, I personally have worked with Rick on the Board and a few committees and find that he is a "doer" and "believer" in Hawaii's senior community. Rick's background in mental health started in Hawaii and now his future is truly embedded in the community serving seniors. He has many connections in Hawaii and nationally, thus making him an asset to your board. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**GM-707**

Submitted on: 3/25/2021 4:24:54 PM

Testimony for HTH on 3/31/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Naomi Masuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Rick would be an asset to this Advisory Board because of he has a finger on the pulse of what is happening with our kupuna community. He volunteers with Meals on Wheels and sees the need for this population. His involvement with the Generations magazine reflects his desire to get information out to kupuna. His participation on the Kokua Council offers him insight on what other organizations that assist kupuna are doing. He is a willing volunteer in his Rotary club, in the Rotary district and on other Rotary committees. He has a positive attitude and very caring,

DEBBIE KIM MORIKAWA

March 25, 2021

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chairperson  
The Honorable Rosalind Baker, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Health  
[HTHcommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HTHcommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Re: Confirmation of Rick Tabor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Dear Chairs Keohokalole, Baker and Health Committee Members,

Please accept my unqualified support for the appointment of Rick Tabor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I currently serve on the board of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society with Rick where he is our President-Elect and I am the current President. Rick is an extremely resourceful and generous individual who has repeatedly gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist our organization's mission and filling in the gaps whenever help is needed and ha.

As you can see from his resume, Rick has dedicated his life to community service and has a wealth of knowledge. He is a strong consensus builder and just an overall great guy to have on your team. I consider him a tremendous asset to any organization he commits his time to.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for the appointment of Rick Tabor to PABEA. If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Debbie Kim Morikawa

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Submitted on: 3/25/2021 9:38:28 PM

Testimony for HTH on 3/31/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GARY SIMON	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

I am Gary Simon, a thirty year resident of Manoa.

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years.

***I strongly support the nomination of Ricki Tabor for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).***

I have known Mr. Tabor since 2017, when he was the Operations Manager for Right at Home, a home care agency here on Oahu. Both of us currently serve on the board of directors for Kokua Council, one of Hawaii's oldest advocacy groups for kupuna.

Mr. Tabor is an expert in the field of mental health program administration and management.

Hawaii will benefit greatly with his wise counsel on PABEA.

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

With warmest aloha,

Gary Simon

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Submitted on: 3/26/2021 8:56:22 AM

Testimony for HTH on 3/31/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kathleen Wyatt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This testimony is to endorse Rick Tabor for a seat on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Rick is an enthusiastic support of all things Kupuna. I have known him for several years, and have worked with him on many Boards, volunteered with him with the Alzheimer's Association, Kokua Council, Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, and AARP. He volunteers to fill any role that needs someone to spear head it or just some extra help. I feel that Rick is not only appropriate to be on PABEA, but he will be a huge asset to the Board. I highly recommend him for this and look forward to working with him on yet another project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wyatt



**GM-707**

Submitted on: 3/26/2021 10:27:27 PM

Testimony for HTH on 3/31/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly recommend Rick Tabot to become a board member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Rick has lots of experience working with people, especially in the area of mental health, but more recently, in the area of aging. He is dedicated to helping Kupuna. I serve with Rick on other boards, where he is very involved. He is not afraid to speak up and to ask questions.

He will be a true asset to the PABEA board.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Barbara J. Service MSW (ret.)

Senior advocate

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of Rick Tabor for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have worked with Rick over the last year. Rick is smart, hard working and will surely be an asset to this board. He understands what the aging population in Hawai'i needs. He knows a lot about policy and is good at finding solutions.

I hope you will pick Rick Tabor to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Trad  
Hawai'i State Director  
Compassion & Choices  
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**GM-707**

Submitted on: 3/30/2021 1:37:55 PM

Testimony for HTH on 3/31/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Truong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is an honor to support Rick Tabor to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. As a fellow volunteer and advocate with him with the Alzheimer's Association, I've seen firsthand how dedicated, hard-working, and simply selfless Rick is to our community. Rick would be an asset to the board through the knowledge, experience, and cheer that he brings. The Board would be lucky to have him.

Mahalo,

Amy Truong

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March 31, 2021

**LATE**

Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Teleconference, 1:00 P.M.  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: GM707 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICKI TABOR, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.**

Dear Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and, Vice Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, and members of the Committee:

I am submitting testimony today in support of Rick Tabor's candidacy for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Mr. Tabor has been a wealth of knowledge and brings experience that would be an asset for PABEA. His experience includes 46 year in the field of mental health, four years of in-home care as a manager in Hawaii, his extensive volunteer work for numerous non-profits - including serving as a State Champion for the Alzheimer's Association, organizing *Dementia in the Family* workshops across our state, and serving as Community Development Director for Generations Magazine.

Mr. Tabor is well qualified to help PABEA fulfill its role of advising the Executive Office on Aging's director on identification of issues and alternative approaches to solutions; The development of position statements and papers; Advocacy and legislative actions; and Program development and operations.

The Alzheimer's Association – Hawaii encourages the Senate Committee on Health to support Rick Tabor's confirmation to PABEA.

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