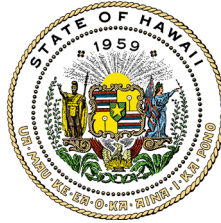


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM678**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee: Shelly Ogata, for a term to expire 6-30-2026**

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

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

Hearing Date: April 8, 2022  
1:00 p.m.

Room Number: 225  
Via Video Conference

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 Shelly Ogata to the Policy Advisory Board  
3 for Elder Affairs (PABEA).  
4 **Comments:** Ms. Shelley Ogata's extensive experience and knowledge in the aging network  
5 would be an asset to the PABEA. As a Planner in the Hawai'i County Office of Aging for five  
6 years, Ms. Ogata developed and coordinated services for older adults and assisted in establishing  
7 program policies and recommendations that met the needs of Hawaii's older adults. She was  
8 also appointed to the State Council on Mental Health for two four-year terms.  
9 As a current member of PABEA she is an active participant and currently chairs the Plans,  
10 Projects, and Review Committee. The committee that Ms. Ogata chairs supports the EOA in the  
11 development of the State Plan on Aging. Her skills and assets are needed to support our next

- 1 State Plan due on July 1, 2023. For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Ms. Ogata
- 2 for the PABEA.
- 3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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*Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs*

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5 April 2022

**THE HONORABLE JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE**

**Chair, Senate Committee on Health**

Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: GM 678, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHELLY OGATA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Dear Senator Keohokalole,

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

**PABEA strongly supports the nomination of Shelly Ogata to PABEA.**

I have known Ms. Ogata since her initial appointment to PABEA in 2019. She is the current Chair of PABEA's Plans and Projects Review Committee. Her background in healthcare and aging has been valuable to our deliberations centered on policies and programs enhancing the lives of our kupuna.

On behalf of PABEA, I respectfully and strongly urge you to recommend Ms. Ogata for confirmation to PABEA.

Thank you for seriously considering her nomination.

With warmest aloha,



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April 5, 2022

Senator Jarrett Keohokālole, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice-Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

### Re: Support of GM678

1:00 P.M., April 8, 2022, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

Dear Senator Keohokālole and Members of the **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Shelly Ogata's nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) submitted by David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii.

In the 31 years that I have been working for the Hawaii County Office of Aging (HCOA), it has been my privilege to work with Shelly in the past 8 years. In the role of a Planner and Monitoring the Case Management Contract, Shelly has demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary to plan, design, coordinate, and implement services that will provide our Kupuna the best opportunities to remain at home and live with dignity as long as possible in the community. As a Council Aide, she provides opportunities to help coordinate County resources to be more effective for the benefits of all our Kupuna in Hawaii County.

I believe Shelly will be a valuable and effective resource to this board and to all the Kupuna in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit support for the consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee Shelly Ogata.

William H. Farr  
Executive on Aging  
Hawaii County Office of Aging



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**GM-678**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 1:21:24 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaohimanu Lydia K Dang Akiona	Testifying for Premier Medical Group Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to support the nomination of SHELLY OGATA to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Mrs. Ogata in a professional capacity for a few years now and have the utmost respect for the passion, knowledge and determination she has in serving our kupuna and in advocating for what is best for our island. I have noted her ability to facilitate constructive discussions, even under difficult circumstances, and collaborate with many different parties and departments, with an eye toward building capacity and seeking solutions and ways to improve our community as a whole.

Shelly Ogata is true public servant with excellent communication, problem-solving, and community-building skills and I cannot recommend her highly enough. I agree with many of my colleagues that we will ALL benefit from her serving in this capacity, maintaining a steady and fair voice for and advocating on behalf of the neighbor islands and our most vulnerable.

Humbly,

Ka`ohimanu Dang Akiona, MD, Family Physician in Hawai`i County, Premier Medical Group  
Hawai`i

**GM-678**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 1:25:47 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jan-Marie Osorio	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in strong support for Gubernatorial Nominee Shelly Ogata for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Mrs. Ogata has been an advocate and community champion in this area of work through the many years that I've known her both as a colleague and now as a personal friend. Her professional experience and knowledge in the field, combined with her passion for serving her community positions her as a suitable person for the board. Her competence and capacity to serve would be beneficial to the board, as well as the people of our state. Mahalo.

Senate Committee On Health Hearing

DATE: Friday, April 8, 2022  
TIME: 1:00PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 &  
Videoconference

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and  
Committee Members

RE: Support Letter for Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, SHELLY OGATA, for a term to expire 06-30-2026. GM 678

Please confirm Shelly Ogata for her second term to the Policy Advisory Board for  
Elder Affairs. My name is Charlene Iboshi and I have known Shelly nearly a  
decade through her work with public health involving elders, including her  
participation on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I am familiar with  
her recent work with Hawaii County Council Member Sue Lee Loy, as well her  
community service work with the local chamber of commerce, and service  
organizations island-wide.

Ms. Ogata's nursing and program background with elders and administration of  
community health shows in her current participation in the Policy Advisory Board  
for Elder Affairs' Meetings and activities. I am a community member on the  
PABEA Legislative Committee and have seen Ms. Ogata's expertise, knowledge  
and "common sense" approach for matters discussed at the PABEA Meetings.

Ms. Ogata has the intelligence, expertise, and experience to identify the special  
challenges living on Hawai'i Island's "super rural" island community with  
logistical and resource challenges of "delivering services" to elders and disabled  
populations. Her previous work at the Hawaii County's Office Of Aging provided  
opportunities for Ms. Ogata to see first-hand how elder programs and elder  
activities have been implemented statewide.

Shelly's expertise and experience allows her to make positive input and participate  
in state and community-based organizations that support personal responsibility for  
health and well-being for community members, particularly the elders.

Please confirm Ms. Shelly Ogata for another term on the PABEA.  
Charlene Iboshi. Hawai'i Island

**GM-678**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 9:26:54 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
jacqueline gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT Shelly Ogata as the best candidate for the Board for elder affairs



**GM-678**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 3:29:23 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James D Cisler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Shelly is an important voice from and for my home county. She is representing us elders well here on Hawaii Island. Please allow her to continue!



**Sally C. Ancheta**  
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741 Heahea Street Hilo HI 96720

The Honorable Senator, Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair; and  
Members of the Health Committee

April 6, 2022

Aloha Chair Keohokalole and distinguished members of the Senate Health Committee,

It is my pleasure to provide testimony to your committee on behalf of Shelly Ogata to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Shelly is a committed community leader who has dedicated her time to create and maintain health, vitality and wellness in our communities, from keiki to kupuna.

I have known Shelly for nearly 20 years and have worked shoulder to shoulder with her to prevent youth initiation of tobacco products, advocate for clean indoor and outdoor air, and have watched her build programs to support the wellness of our kupuna population on Hawai'i Island.

She is a leading advocate for the health and wellbeing of our communities, statewide, as an active member of policy workgroups and leads efforts in reducing tobacco use health disparities as the Chair of the Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Island Coalition. She also has a tremendous knowledge of mental health, aging policy and substance abuse prevention and is dedicated to uplifting equitable access to all community members.

I strongly support Shelly's reappointment to PABEA as it will continue to benefit our state with the knowledge she continues to grow and glean throughout her years of service. She is a valuable asset with her connection to the community and wealth of experience in serving our communities, both at the state and local levels. I ask you to recommend approval of GM678.

With aloha,

Sally C. Ancheta  
Coalition Coordinator, East Hawai'i Drug-Free Coalition