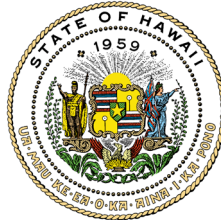


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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM711
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
Gubernatorial Nominee: William Kinaka, for a term to expire 6-30-2026

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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.

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Via Video Conference

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health, supports the nomination of William Kinaka to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
3 Affairs (PABEA).

4 **Comments:** Mr. William Kinaka has served on the Board of PABEA since July 2019 and
5 currently participates on the Plans, Projects, and Review Committee. He brings a wealth of
6 knowledge and expertise to his role on PABEA. Mr. Kinaka has a Juris Doctorate in law, a
7 Master of Arts in international relations, and a BA in political science. His extensive work
8 experience as a legislative assistant, a grand jury counsel, court arbitrator, and his own private
9 law practice on Maui will be a helpful resource to PABEA. More specifically, his long-term
10 involvement and commitment to serve on the Board of Directors for Maui Adult Day Care
11 Center and Hale Maha'olu Senior Housing will be an ongoing asset to PABEA.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

5 April 2022

THE HONORABLE JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE

Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Hawaii State Capitol
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Re: GM 711, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM KINAKA, 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 William Kinaka to PABEA.

I have known Mr. Kinaka since his initial appointment to PABEA in 2019. His legal background 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 Mr. Kinaka for confirmation to PABEA.

Thank you for seriously considering his nomination.

With warmest aloha,



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