

Louise Johnson

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I would like to contribute to the well-being of kupuna in Hawaii.

2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

The role is to represent the interests of kupuna. The responsibilities are to be truthful, endeavor to represent all kupuna (not just personal interests), and to be open to new ideas.

3. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the board.

I am a scientist by training and work experience so I have learned how to evaluate complex issues with rationality and as little bias as possible. I know how to analyze data and understand the results even if they are unexpected or conflict with my expectations. I am old.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I want to support the committee in any way I can.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I am open-minded, rational, and empathetic. These qualities allow me to evaluate proposals and share my thoughts with respect for others.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a member.

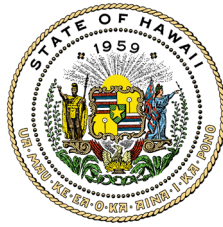
I have been involved with several volunteer amateur radio operator groups in California that worked in the community to provide communication to disparate groups of people.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

No.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM579
Consideration and Confirmation for the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs,
Gubernatorial Nominee Louise Johnson, for a term to expire 06-30-2028**

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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing: Friday, February 28, 2025, 1:00 P.M., Conference Room 225

EOA's Position: EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Louise Johnson to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Comments: HRS 349-4 established PABEA to advise the Director on issues, approaches to solutions, development of position statements, advocacy, legislative actions, program development and operations. Having worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 39 years, Ms. Louise Johnson enjoyed helping new drugs become available to people who needed them. As a retiree she became a volunteer of the Hawai'i Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program to continue her passion in helping others. The SMP, a volunteer-based program of the EOA, provides information to detect, prevent, and report Medicare fraud, abuse, and waste. Since June 2021 she has been an active SMP volunteer. She contributes to the program by attending meetings regularly and serving as a counselor and social media support.

Through her participation in PABEA Ms. Johnson hopes to expand her knowledge and skills in helping older adults. Her commitment to gain a better understanding of the needs of older adults and her desire to help others is a valuable asset to provide EOA with fresh perspective and guidance. For these reasons, EOA strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Louise Johnson to PABEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-579

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Testimony for HHS on 2/28/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services: I am Gary Simon, a member of the board of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of those who give and receive care by increasing community awareness of caregiver issues through continuing advocacy, education, and training. I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty-five years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition. The Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition supports the nomination of Louise Johnson to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). Ms. Johnson's extensive experience as an executive in pharmaceuticals and biotech regulatory affairs will be valuable to PABEA and the Hawaii Executive Office on Aging and its mission of optimizing the health, safety and independence of Hawaii's older adults and people with disabilities and supporting kupuna and their caregivers through planning, development, advocacy, and coordination of policies, programs, and services. We urge you to support Ms. Johnson's nomination, and we urge you to recommend her confirmation. Mahalo nui loa, Gary Simon Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition

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GM 579 Support

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair and members of the Committee:

I'm Beverly Gotelli writing in strong support of GM 579 the appointment of Louise Johnson to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. (PABEA)

I've had the opportunity to meet Louise while serving on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs within the last few years. Louise is a welcome member who provides the Board with a refreshing idea. She is dedicated to knowing the issues that affect Kupuna in our State. She is an asset to PABEA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of GM 579, the appointment of Louise Johnson to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

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