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Testimony to the Senate Committee On Human Services
February 24, 2009 1:15 p.m.
On Governor Message 426

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee On Human Services

I am Gary Y. Fujitani testifying on my nomination for the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs (PABEA).

As a life long resident of Hawaii, I have been blessed through out my life time to be engaged in business and civic endeavors that helped shape my commitment to community service. Over my career I have volunteered my time through various organizations in order to promote the betterment of my community.

As a retired banker, I am familiar with financial issues facing our aging population and I will use common sense and practicality in any deliberations as an advisory board member.

While I am fortunate to be healthy and enjoy my independence, I realize that there are others that count on government and community services to help them face the varied challenges of aging. Hopefully, I will be able to make contribution in providing input on how precious resources should be prioritized and allocated.

I humbly ask for your support in confirming my nomination as a member of PABEA.

Mahalo

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Senate Committee on Human Services

GM 426 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
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Attached Agency to Department of Health**

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Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Gary Y. Fujitani's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Mr. Fujitani has been serving the people of Hawaii for over 40 years in the banking industry and is a former senior vice president of First Hawaiian Bank. He currently is the executive director for the Hawaii Banking Association. He is a member of numerous boards and community organizations, serving as an officer, director, and president. Mr. Fujitani was named "Outstanding Young Men in America" in 1976 and received Commendation from the State House of Representatives as one of Hawaii's Three Outstanding Young Men in 1976.

Mr. Fujitani is an older adult consumer and understands the issues facing the aging population. He will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna and caregivers.

We, therefore, ask you to support his appointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.