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TESTIMONY TO: House Committee on Human Services
Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **SB 54, SD 1 - RELATING TO AGING**
Thursday, March 14, 2013
9:30 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, conference room 329

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 54 – RELATING TO AGING that allows the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA) to recommend to the governor that lifetime membership be granted to a member, which includes all the rights and privileges of a regular member. I am Alan Parker, Executive on Aging for the Hawai'i County Office of Aging (HCOA).

It is my understanding that this bill is a housekeeping measure that would allow lifetime member Shimeji (Shim) Kanazawa all the privileges of regular membership, including the right to vote. Mrs. Kanazawa is an honored and respected member of the aging community. She has been tireless in her work on behalf of the elderly; founding Project Dana and serving on numerous Boards and Commissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 54.

Sincerely,

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