

GOV. MSG. NO. 364

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs:**

Diane M. Stowell

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health

March 10 2008

Diane M. Stowell

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present my background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I was raised in Manoa, Oahu and live next door to where I grew up. Four generations of grew up here. I graduated from Punahou in 1952 and UCLA in 1956 in math and physics and a Masters in administration in 1966 and became a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Educational Psychologist in 1976.

I was a caregiver to my mother who had alzheimers and required 24/7 supervision. She passed away nine years later.

I have been a volunteer for the Mediation Center of the Pacific for 26 years as well as serving on the board and being a mentor. Presently I serve on the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation where we give grants and scholarships to students for athletics mostly water sports in Duke's name. We volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club and I direct a one mile swim in August during the week of the Duke's birthday in Waikiki for all ages. Presently, I am teaching in the Women's and Men's prison teaching life skills so that they can lead healthy lives and not return to pri son-this is my third year and so far many of the inmates are leading clean lives.

I have served on the Policy Advisory for four years and also the Legislative committee of PABEA where we do a lot of bill tracking.

I welcome the challenges ahead and would like to work for another four years on the PABEA. I ask for you to support my nomination.

Thank you.

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

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Committee on Health

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Testimony of Noemi Pendleton Director of Executive Office on Aging Attached Agency to Department of Health

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Diane M. Stowell's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Stowell, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Legislative Committee. She is a board-certified Marriage and Family Therapist and presently works as an instructor at the Women's and Men's prisons, teaching inmates life skills so that they lead healthy lives when released from prison. She is active in the community and has been a mentor and Board member at the Mediation Center of the Pacific and the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation. Ms. Stowell's background and experience will be an asset to the PABEA, while her involvement in the community will be helpful to the PABEA's advocacy function.

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