# GM621

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, EUDICE SCHICK, for a term to expire 6-30-2015. NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

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#### Committee on Human Services

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## Testimony of Wes Lum Director, Executive Office on Aging Attached Agency to Department of Health

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

#### 1:15 p.m.

- 1 EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the nomination of Ms. Eudie
- 2 Schick to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Schick is currently a member of PABEA and has actively
- 5 participated on the Board during her four year tenure. During her second year on PABEA, Ms.
- 6 Schick served as the Chair of the PABEA Legislative Committee, and during her third and fourth
- years on PABEA, Ms. Schick served as Chair of the PABEA Board. In addition to Ms. Schick's
- 8 volunteerism with PABEA, she also volunteers for two other EOA programs: SMP and the
- 9 Volunteer Long-term Care Program. We are grateful for Ms. Schick's leadership and commitment
- to EOA, as well as other aging and disability organizations, and for these reasons, we support the
- re-appointment of Ms. Schick. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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#### Testimony of the Department of Community Services

#### MEASURE:

G.M. NO. 621, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EUDICE SCHICK, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.

#### COMMITTEE(S):

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2011

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

LOCATION:

State Capitol, Room 016

COMMITTEE REQUESTS 1 COPIES

TESTIFIER(S):

Samuel E.H. Moku, Director

(Written testimony only. For more information, please call Elizabeth Bethea, Elderly Affairs Division, at 768-7708.)

#### Chair Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

The Elderly Affairs Division of the Department of Community Services supports the nomination of Eudice Schick to the State's Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Ms. Schick is Chair of the Honolulu Committee on Aging, which advises the Mayor and the Elderly Affairs Division on issues of concern to seniors, people with disabilities, and caregivers. Additionally, she serves on the Advisory Council of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by the Elderly Affairs Division, and volunteers as an office assistant for the program. In 2010, Ms. Schick was recognized as an outstanding senior volunteer at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Senior Recognition Program.

The Elderly Affairs Division respectfully asks you to recommend confirmation.



To: Senate Committee on Human Services

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Date: April 5, 2011, Conference Room 016, 1:15 p.m.

Re: GM 621 - EUDICE SCHICK - CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION TO THE POLICY

ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS (PABEA)

Chair Chun Oakland and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director of AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. We are committed to championing access to affordable, quality health care for all generations, providing the tools needed to save for retirement, and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP offers the following testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 621, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs (PABEA), Gubernatorial Nominee, Eudice (Eudie) Schick, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Eudie has been a life-long advocate and volunteer for senior programs. Her professional career includes 40-years in Accounting and Management positions. Eudie was honored as the Outstanding Volunteer, at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Senior Recognition Program.

Eudie's contribution to Hawaii as a volunteer has included:

- PABEA Chair of the Board of Directors
- PABEA Chair of the Legislative Committee
- Honolulu Committee on Aging Chair of the Board of Directors
- Hawaii Senior Medicare Patrol Volunteer
- Hawaii Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Volunteer Ombudsman
- Queen's Medical Center Volunteer Patient Relations Representative
- Queen's Medical Center Patient Safety Committee Member
- Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Volunteer

AARP is proud and honored to support Eudice Schick for consideration to the Policy Advisory Board of Elder Affairs.

#### Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans AFT Hawaii Retirees

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ADA/Hawaii

Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition

(Submitted by email to: HMSTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov April 3, 2011)

Statement of Al Hamai, President, in support of GM621, relating to the appointment of Eudice Schick to PABEA

#### **Hearing Of Senate Human Services Committee**

April 5, 2011, 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 016

Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Les Ihara, Jr., and members of the Committee,

We are very pleased to support the nomination of Eudice Schick, GM 621, for reappointed to the PABEA.

Eudie has a proven record of advocacy on senior and community issues as the current Chair and member of PABEA. She makes time for this advocacy on a year round basis. She also has a proven record to collaborate with leaders of other senior and aging organizations to promote common issues and concerns.

Please approve the nomination of Eudie Schick to PABEA and urge your colleagues in the Senate to confirm her appointment to this very important advisory board on elderly affairs.

Mahalo.

HARA is a strong voice for Hawaii's retirees and seniors; a diverse community-based organization with national roots; a grassroots organizer, educator, and communicator; and a trusted source of information for decision-makers.

Datta Analysis 78-7054 Kamehameha III 1304 Keauhou Palena Kailua Kona, HI 96740 March 31, 2011

Testimony on behalf of Ms. Eudice Schick HMS-04-05-11, PABEA, GM621

Dear Legislators:

This is a letter of unqualified, enthusiastic support of the re-appointment of Ms. Eudice Schick to the PABEA. My reasons for encouraging her reappointment are (1) her expertise, (2) her diligence, and (3) her broad vision.

With regard to expertise, Ms. Schick has experienced life with an amazing number of assets including her intelligence and interpersonal skills. She also has experienced life when faced with physically handicapping conditions. She epitomizes in herself the excellent benefits to individuals and communities when resources are available, policies and laws support equality and achievement for all, and the person has courage and determination. She has studied these laws and policies carefully, and knows in breadth and depth what is helpful—and what can be an obstacle.

With regard to her diligence, during her service over the past years on the PABEA, Ms. Schick has been reliable, dependable, does her homework thoroughly, and, based on my discussions with her, has immersed herself in the work of this important group. If she says she will do something, she can be totally trusted to fulfill all her commitments and do the work well. She would be a hard-working, hard-driving resource!

In terms of her vision, Ms. Schick appreciates the complexities and balances required for public policy. She listens well, sees not only immediately ahead but also far ahead and to all sides. This kind of broad vision can be invaluable, particularly when coupled with excellent interpersonal skills.

Thank you for considering this recommendation and I hope you will serve the people of Hawaii well by re-appointing Ms. Eudice Schick. We are lucky—VERY lucky—she is willing to serve!

/s/ Lois-ellin Datta Lois-ellin Datta, Ph.D. President, Datta Analysis

From: Sent: CARI UESUGI [cuesugi@queens.org] Thursday, March 31, 2011 9:40 AM

To: Cc: Thursday, March 31, 201 HMS Testimony

Subject:

mazel@hawaii.rr.com GM 621, 4/5/11 at 1:15 pm

#### To the Committee on Human Services:

Please accept my strong support for the reappointment of Eudie Schick to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Eudie for over four years, in her capacity as a volunteer at The Queen's Medical Center. She brought not only a strong sense of compassion and empathy to the patients she visited but also dedication in her role of helping others. During the time I have worked with Eudie, she has expanded her volunteer role to not only visiting patients during their hospitalization but being a valuable asset to our office (Patient Relations Department). Because of her diverse past work experience, she has been able to not only organize our office files, but has taken the initiate to work independently on several of our ongoing projects leaving us open to work on other assignments. Her easy going style has made it a joy to work with her. I not only appreciate Eudie as a valuable volunteer, but consider her a dear friend as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cari Uesugi Patient Relations Advocate The Queen's Medical Center (808) 547-4602

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#### A Program of the U.S. Administration on Aging

November 16, 2009

Senate Committee on Human Services Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Tuesday, April 5, 2011 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016

Re: GM 621 Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, EUDICE SCHICK, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP Hawaii) supports the confirmation of EUDICE SCHICK, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. The Senior Medicare Patrol is a national, volunteer-based program under the U.S. Administration on Aging, tasked with educating seniors to prevent health care fraud. Hawaii's SMP is based in the Executive Office on Aging, State of Hawaii. Ms. Schick is a volunteer with SMP Hawaii. Her role as a member and chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs has been immensely valuable for SMP Hawaii. Ms. Schick has contributed to SMP Hawaii her knowledge of issues related to seniors and her experience in working with state government to effect positive changes for Hawaii's elderly population. She is an effective educator and capable leader.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele S. Ching

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP Hawaii) Coordinator

**Executive Office on Aging** 

State of Hawaii

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#### **Committee for Human Services**

#### Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

My name is Colette Browne, and I submit this testimony as a private citizen committed to the interests and needs of older adults in the great state of Hawai'i.

I fully support the nomination of Ms. Eudice Schick for appointment to the State of Hawai'i Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. Ms. Schick has served as chair of the State's Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs. She has been a tireless community advocate always looking out for the best interests of older adults and the disabled. She has proven herself to be a dedicated community volunteer.

I have no doubt that the state will fully benefit from having the commitment of Ms. Schick to the state's Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Schick.

Colette Browne

7805 Makaaoa Place

Honolulu, HI 96825

From:

Gary Simon [GarySimon@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, April 04, 2011 6:59 AM

To:

**HMS Testimony** 

Cc:

Schick, Eudie; Lum, Dr. Wes

Subject:

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Human Services on GM621 for the Hearing on

Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 1:15 P. M.

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon.

Testimony Is Directed To: Senate Committee on Human Services.

Measure: GM 621

Date & Time of Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 1:15 P. M.

Position: I strongly support the nomination of Eudice Schick to PABEA.

Dear Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

I am Gary Simon. I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty years.

I have had the great pleasure of working with Eudice Schick during her first term on PABEA.

I have found Eudice to be committed, compassionate, giving, honest, respectful, and responsible. Eudice continuously demonstrates these values in her work with PABEA.

I proudly support Eudice for a second term.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very sincerely, Gary Simon

From:

mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov

Sent:

Thursday, March 31, 2011 4:13 PM

To:

**HMS Testimony** 

Cc:

dr.e.bethea@gmail.com

Subject:

Testimony for GM621 on 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM GM621

Conference room: 016

Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Dr. Elizabeth Bethea

Organization: Individual

Address: Phone:

E-mail: dr.e.bethea@gmail.com

Submitted on: 3/31/2011

#### Comments:

Chairs Chun Oakland, Ihara and Members,

I am writing in strong support of Eudice Schick's confirmation for a second term on the Policy Advisory Board on Elder Affairs (PABEA).

For the past two years, I have worked with Ms. Schick in her capacity as Chair of PABEA, and as Chair of the PABEA Legislative Committee. I am continually impressed with the positive changes she is able to facilitate at all levels, from the personal to the organizational to the state level. As a highly recognized and valued leader and spokesperson for the statewide Aging Network, she brings deep wisdom and skill in bringing people together for a common goal, gained from decades of business and volunteer experience. We are fortunate indeed to have such wisdom and skill shared so freely with the individuals, organizations and government entities that comprise the Aging Network, and ultimately benefit from Ms. Schick's generous contributions.

I urge you to continue the benefit to Hawai'i's seniors, people with disabilities and caregivers by confirming Ms. Schick's appointment. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support.

From:

Michael Sumja [michaelsumja@gmail.com]

Sent:

Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:28 PM

To: Cc: HMS Testimony Eudie Schick

Subject:

Pabea Nomination -Eudice Schick!

#### To whom it may concern:

This is my recommendation to reappoint Ms Eudice Schick to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I Have known Eudie for approximately four years and her tireless advocacy for the Elderly is greatly admired. She is a a very competent and caring person and a true asset to the Board. Eudie followed me as Chair of Pabea and did an excellent job.

I highly recommend her for reappointment.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 808-987-2653.

Michael Sumja

From: Sent: Joni Oren [jonioren@hawaii.rr.com] Thursday, March 31, 2011 10:09 AM

To: Cc: HMS Testimony Eudie Schick

Subject:

GM 621 Submitting for consideration and confirmation Nominee EUDICE SCHICK

This is my Testimony in favor of my friend Gubernatorial Nominee Eudice Schick. I am submitting this on behalf of her, for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, a term to expire 6-30- 2015. The date of the hearing is April 5, 2011 the time is 1:15pm. The hearing number is GM 621

I am in strong support of Mrs. Schick's reappointment for the following reasons:

Since serving on the Board she has made her commitment a top priority. Even though she is physically challenged, she has been a very active and interested volunteer. When she first applied to the Board, several years ago, I wrote a letter on Eudice's behalf to advocate her assignment to the position. She has proven an interest and ability that far exceeds any expectations that the Board may have required. Eudice Schick is an excellent candidate to continue in her position.

Sincerely,

Joan W. Oren

To: Committee on Human Services Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland Chair Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference room 016

Testifier: Eudice Schick

Bill: **GM621** 

In Support

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 621. I am honored to be selected for reappointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs "PABEA". In July of 2007 I began a new and exciting experience in my life. I had the opportunity to serve on PABEA. My first committee assignment was to be a member of the Legislative Committee. I remember thinking how am I going to offer any help when I did not know a thing about advocacy, especially for bills that help our Kupuna. As the months went on I began to learn a great deal. I was taught how to write testimony and I attended hearings so that I could have the experience of testifying in person. My second year I was asked to Chair the Legislative Committee. We worked hard and we had a successful year. PABEA supported the bill, which gave all volunteer boards and commissions more autonomy, allowing them to testify directly to the Legislature. In July 2009 and 2010 I was voted as Chair of PABEA. I have continued taking a very active part of the Legislative Committee. I act as an advisor to our Recognition and Awards Committee, as well as our Plans and Projects Committee. Currently, under the leadership of Dr. Wesley Lum, Director of The Executive Office on Aging, we are holding discussions with the PABEA board members, including the ex-officious, as well as the staff of EOA, asking how we can expand PABEA's roll as advisors and advocates. With a "New Day in Hawaii" and a new Director of EOA we are looking forward to working closer with EOA and advising on issues that EOA may face as they continue to take on the responsibility of not only care for our Kupuna but for the Disabled also. I feel that I have gained much experience and knowledge during these past 4 years and would appreciate the opportunity to continue supporting PABEA and EOA.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Eudice Schick

TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair - Committee on Human Services

FROM: Jennifer Rehm – Graduate Student at University of Hawaii Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work

SUBJECT: HB 739, HD2 -RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOME Hearing: Tuesday, April 15, 2011; 1:15 pm. Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The purpose of this bill is to amend the current CCFFH caregiver requirements so that in CCFFHs approved for a maximum of three clients, the primary caregiver must be a certified nurse aide (CNA) and the substitute caregiver must be a nurse aide.

I oppose this bill because I believe it will jeopardize the well being of client's residing in CCFFHs. A client should be cared for equally by primary and substitute caregivers. The substitute caregiver should be as knowledgeable as the primary caregiver in and in all instances the client should be receiving the same level of care no matter what caregiver is in charge.

In addition, a CNA must have gone through an education and certification process and must participate in ongoing re-certification in order to keep their license. A nurse's aide is not required to be certified through the state and therefore is not at the same level as a CNA. I believe this could compromise care for an individual in a CCFFH and for this reason I am opposed to the amendments in this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

#### April 3, 2011

To: Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair and members of the Senate Committee On Human Services

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF EUDICE SCHICK to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs Governor's Message No. 621

I strongly support confirmation of the appointment of Eudice Schick to the Policy Advisory Board For Elder Affairs ("PABEA").

I have known Ms. Schick ("Eudie") for more than thirty years. She and her husband are long-time Hawaii residents and have raised their family here.

Eudie is passionate about the interests and concerns of the elderly and the disabled and has devoted herself to numerous uncompensated positions where she can assist them. In addition to her service to PABEA, she has volunteered at The Queen's Medical Center and as an ombudsman at a large senior living center.

Eudie is an amputee and travels by Handivan or electric scooter to her various regular appointments and meetings. She has not allowed her disability and numerous health challenges to cripple her and remains active and vibrant. Her interests include symphony, theater and opera, all of which she attends frequently. She markets, shops and prepares meals. These activities give her a special perspective concerning the challenges faced by the elderly and infirm.

Prior to her retirement, Eudie owned and operated her own business and served as the business manager for a respected Honolulu law firm. She understands the challenges businesses face in dealing with governmental regulations and requirements. She appreciates the limitations of government itself. And, she is an articulate and determined advocate for the elderly.

Eudie has a balanced outlook. Her positions are responsible and creative. She speaks her mind and can explain and support her thinking. But Eudie is also a listener. She genuinely engages with others, establishing a rapport that makes useful discussion possible. She is zealous without being a zealot.

Eudie has a wonderful capacity to interact with people as individuals. Her many friends and contacts represent a cross-section of Hawaii. She is open to persons of all ancestries, income levels and faiths.

I support Governor Abercrombie's reappointment of Eudie to PABEA and ask that you recommend Senate confirmation of that appointment.

Respecfully submitted,

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