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I am hereby applying for appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). For several years, I have served on PABEA's Legislative Committee. In addition, I am an officer or board member of four other senior advocacy organizations:

1. Vice President, Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition
2. Vice President, Kokua Council for Senior Citizens
3. Board Member, Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans
4. Board Member, Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society

I am also a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board. My interim appointment to this Board expires on June 30, 2011.

I have been involved in teaching, research, advocacy, and public policy activities related to aging throughout my professional career. From 1956-60, I served as Executive Secretary for the Michigan Legislative Council on Problems of the Aging. During the following two years, I conducted research on elders living in a Michigan County "poor farm." The Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, School of Medicine, University of Michigan, sponsored this study. From 1962-69, I was an Instructor at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. At the School of Public Health, I helped develop the Chronic Disease & Aging unit. My educational background includes an A.B. in Education from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In 1969, I joined the University of Hawaii faculty, with a joint appointment in the School of Public Health and the (then) Department of Human Development. In addition to creating aging-related courses in these two units, I was assigned to help foster aging research and teaching across the UH Manoa campus. In 1988, I became the first Director of the UH Center on Aging, I held this position for five years, during which we developed two certificate programs; provided faculty teaching and research awards; and created an award-winning PBS series and college telecourse titled, "Growing Old in a New Age." I retired from the University in 1994.

Since retiring, I have been actively involved in advocacy, public policy development, and community education on aging, long-term care, and death and dying. I hope to be able to continue this work through service on the PABEA Board.