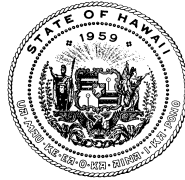# SB1029

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGING.
Report Title:	Kupuna Caucus; Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Quorum; Bylaws; Posting Requirements
Description:	Requires the policy advisory board for elder affairs to establish quorum requirements through its bylaws and post its bylaws on the executive office on aging's website.
Companion:	HB471
Package:	Kupuna Caucus
Current Referral:	CPH/HMS
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Testimony COMMENTING on SB1029
Relating to Aging

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1   **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department

2   of Health supports the intent of SB1029 and offers comments on this measure.

3   **Fiscal Implications:** None

4   **Purpose and Justification:** This measure requires the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

5   (PABEA) to establish quorum requirement through its bylaws and post its bylaws on the

6   Executive Office on Aging's website. PABEA is established by statute in HRS 349-4 to advise

7   the director of EOA including but not limited to: 1) identification of issues and alternative

8   approaches to solutions; 2) development of position statements and papers; 3) advocacy and

9   legislative actions; and 4) program development and operations. PABEA meets on the first

1   Friday of the month and has provided EOA with feedback on our programs and been a strong

2   advocate for our kupuna. Last year, PABEA requested a statute amendment to change the

3   composition of the Board by: 1) decreasing the number of members; 2) specifying that ex-officio

4   member are nonvoting members, and 3) revising the list of agencies that provide representatives

5   to serve as ex-officio members. The Governor signed Act 134 into law on July 5, 2018.

6   However, even with decreasing the number of members that will constitute a quorum to conduct

7   its meetings, PABEA has a difficult time meeting the default quorum of fifty per cent of

8   members plus one.

9   **Recommendation**: EOA would like to suggest language that quorum be "<u>a majority of the

10   currently serving members, but in no event fewer than eight, shall constitute quorum</u>". This may

11   help the situation when PABEA has fewer than its maximum 21 members, and yet ensure that it

12   never goes lower than its statutorily-mandated minimum number of members.

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14   Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James D Cisler	Testifying for PABEA	Support	No

Comments:

As a second term member of this voluntary board, I have experienced first hand the decision making difficulties presented by a lack of quorum. In comparison, other volunteer boards and commissions experience the same problem with much smaller quorum requirements. PABEA is able to intelligently and reliably perform its assigned duties with a reasonable representation of its duly appointed membership. Placing the determination of quorum in this board's by-laws is a much more efficient process. Thank you.

James (Jim) Cisler

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Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: