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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM688
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Raelene Tenno, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing: Monday, March 9, 2026 1:00 P.M

Conference Room: 225

- 1 **EOA Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of
- 2 Health (DOH), is in strong support of the nomination of Ms. Raelene Tenno to the Policy
- 3 Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Raelene Tenno is being considered for appointment to the
- 5 PABEA for a term ending June 30, 2029. With thirty-three years of professional experience in
- 6 real estate, financial planning, and operations management, she brings a broad perspective to the
- 7 board. Since 1993, she has also been a dedicated volunteer, serving in a leadership role as a
- 8 Board Member and Program Chair for the Hawai'i Council of Community Associations, an
- 9 organization focused on educating condominium board members on their responsibilities under
- 10 HRS 514B.

1 Ms. Tenno is an active member of PABEA and currently serves on the Plans, Projects, and
2 Review Committee (PPRC). She consistently offers valuable insights into the challenges faced
3 by aging condo owners and helps review Area Agency on Aging activities to ensure alignment
4 with the State Plan on Aging. Her professional background and long-standing volunteer
5 leadership make her a strong advocate for older adults especially those who live in condominium
6 communities.

7 The Executive Office on Aging continues to benefit from Ms. Tenno's expertise,
8 dedication, and thoughtful engagement. Her experience and commitment to older adults will
9 remain an asset to PABEA. As Director, I strongly support her confirmation.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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State Capitol
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Strong Support: GM
Appointment of Raelene Tenno 688
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair and members of the Committee,

I'm Beverly Ann Gotelli. Chair of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, and strongly support the appointment of Raelene Tenno to the Policy Advisory for Elder Affairs.

Raelene is a strong advocate for those Kupuna who reside in condominiums and other residences. She has provided PABEA with concerns of these residents and how we may be able to support them, i.e. Providing information at the homeowner's meetings.

She brings a different perspective that many of us do not consider.

I strongly urge the Committee to approve GM 688 for consideration and confirmation of Raelene Tenno to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

GM-688

Submitted on: 3/7/2026 6:58:32 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/9/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GARY SIMON	Testifying for Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am Gary Simon, a member of the board of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of those who give and receive care by increasing community awareness of caregiver issues through continuing advocacy, education, and training. I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty-five years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition.

The Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition strongly supports the nomination of Raelene Tenno to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

I have known Raelene since 2023. Her real estate expertise has contributed to PABEA's guidance to the Executive Office on Aging and its Director in the development of senior housing policies and programs which enhance the active aging and care of our kūpuna here in Hawai'i.

We urge you to support Raelene Tenno's nomination, and we urge you to recommend her confirmation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Gary Simon

Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition

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Submitted on: 3/6/2026 3:52:36 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/9/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Lenzer Medeiros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Raelene has great insight and understanding of so many topics and issues that concern Kupuna. She is always prepared and supportive of initiatives and projects PABEA undertakes. She is an asset that greatly benefits the board. I heartily support, endorse and recommend Raelene for appointment to PABEA.

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Submitted on: 3/6/2026 8:45:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/9/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in strong support of Rae Tenno. I have had the opportunity to work with Raelene on a multitude of seminars. She is focused and makes sure all aspects are properly executed.

I know that she will continue to be an advocate for the elderly. Please confirm her nomination to the Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Mike Golojuch

GM-688

Submitted on: 3/7/2026 9:23:26 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/9/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McElvey and committee members.

Please approve the reappointment of Raelene Tenno to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. She has been an active participant to the Board, especially with her knowledge of the situations and needs of Kupuna in condominiums.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

Barbara J. Service MSW

Child Welfare Supervisor (ret.)

Passionate Kupuna advocate