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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM737
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
Affairs, Gubernatorial Nominee, Roy Katsuda, for a term to expire 06-30-2030**

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, April 13, 2026 1:00 P.M

Conference Room: 225

1 The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health,
2 strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Roy Katsuda to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder
3 Affairs (PABEA) for a term ending June 30, 2030.

4 Mr. Katsuda brings an exceptional depth of experience, leadership, and commitment to
5 the aging network in Hawai'i. Over his 35 years of service as Executive Director of Hale
6 Mahaolu, he not only strengthened one of Maui's most important housing organizations, but also
7 expanded critical services and safe, affordable living options for thousands of older adults. His
8 record reflects a consistent ability to anticipate emerging needs, implement effective programs,
9 and build strong community partnerships to support Maui's kūpuna.

1 Importantly, Mr. Katsuda’s longstanding service to Maui County ensures that neighbor
2 island voices remain strongly represented on PABEA. His experience will help ensure that
3 statewide policies consider the diverse needs of kūpuna across all islands, especially rural
4 communities that face limited access to transportation, healthcare, housing, and long-term
5 services and supports.

6 For these reasons, and based on his remarkable record of service, I am confident that Mr.
7 Katsuda will be an outstanding contributor to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I
8 strongly support his confirmation and respectfully urge the Committee to recommend approval.
9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify

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Strong Support: GM 737
Appointment of Roy Katsuda
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 (PABEA), and strongly support the appointment of Scott Roy Katsuda to the Policy Advisory for Elder Affairs.

As a former Director of Hale Mahaolu, a Senior Housing on Maui County. he brings a wealth of knowledge on the diversity of living conditions of seniors in a protected environment. I've had the opportunity to meet Mr. Katsuda while living on Maui. He is very dedicated to the well-being of seniors.

I believe with his experience and involvement in the community Roy will be a great asset to PABEA.

I strongly urge the Committee to approve GM 689 for consideration and confirmation of Roy Katsuda to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

GM-737

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raelene Tenno	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support Roy K. Kasuda

He is a great long standing involvement with elders and will serve well on the PABEA Board.

His involvement with Housing and Adult day Care will be an asset to PABEA.

Raelene Tenno, current PABEA member, Education chair - Hawaii Council of Community Assn's, MCP Mediator and Condo unit Owner since 1990.