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# SENIORS AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS ASKED TO VOICE THEIR **CONCERNS ON AGING ISSUES**

Advisory Board Seeks Community Input

HONOLULU - The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs is asking seniors and family caregivers to attend a series of community forums to voice their opinions about issues related to aging in Hawaii. The concerns raised at each forum will be used to determine statewide themes and community-specific issues to guide the Advisory Board's priorities and proposals for the 2007 Legislature.

The 20 member Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs is made up of community representatives appointed by the Governor to advise the State's Executive Office on Aging. The Board hopes to hear from the public on current issues of importance to older adults and their family caregivers in Hawaii that range from assisted transportation and senior housing to affordable prescription drugs and preventing financial abuse.

The community forums have been scheduled on the following dates:

### Monday, September 18, 2006

### Central Oahu

Central Oahu Family Guidance Center Demo Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 860 Fourth Street, Pearl City 9:00a - 11:00a For more information, call Diane Stowell at 808-955-3534

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

### Honolulu

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325 9:00a - 11:00a For more information, call Gary Simon at 808-265-5716

Thursday, September 21, 2006

#### Windward

Windward Health Center 45-691 Keaahala Road, Kaneohe 9:00a - 11:00a For more information, call Bruce McCullough at 808-239-5258

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### Friday, September 22, 2006

### Lihue

Piikoi Conference Room A&B 4444 Rice Street, Lihue 9:30a – 11:30a

For more information, call John Hoff at 808-332-9745

# Tuesday, September 26, 2006

### Waianae

Waianae Satellite City Hall Building, Room 4 85-670 Farrington Highway 9:00a – 11:00a For more information, call Diane Stowell at 808-955-3534

### Wednesday, September 27, 2006

#### Kona

Mayor's Office Conference Room
Hanama Place
75-5706 Kuakini Hwy., Suite 103, Kailua-Kona
1:00p – 3:00p
For more information, call Michael Sumja at 808-987-2653 or
Lito Asuncion at 808-961-8600

### Thursday, September 28, 2006

### Hilo

Liquor Commission's Conference Room
Hilo Lagoon Center
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 230, Hilo
1:30p – 3:30p
For more information, call Michael Sumja at 808-987-2653 or
Lito Asuncion at 808-961-8600

## Tuesday, October 3, 2006

### Honolulu

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325 9:00a – 11:00a For more information, call Gary Simon at 808-265-5716

# Thursday, October 12, 2006

### Kahului

J. Walter Cameron Center Auditorium 95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku 5:15p - 7:15p

For more information, call Sandy Rongitsch at 808-244-3661

The community forums are free to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the designated contact person for each forum, or the Executive Office on Aging at (808) 586-0100.

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