

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1440

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2009

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 338,  
430

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 338 and 430, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

DRUG PRODUCT SELECTION BOARD

G.M. No. 338      ANGEL B. RAMOS,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2013.; and

G.M. No. 430      VENKATARAMAN BALARAMAN,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2013,

begs leave to report as follows:

Upon review of the statements submitted by the nominees, your Committee finds that the aforementioned nominees will work with compassion and commitment to assist in administering the functions related to drug product selection for the people of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the nominees have been appointed based on their credentials, integrity, and a desire to make Hawaii better through their participation on the Drug Product Selection Board to which they have been nominated.

Your Committee received testimony supporting the nomination of each of these individuals from the Department of Health. Additional testimony was submitted supporting the nomination of Dr. Venkataraman Balaraman by Kapi'olani Medical Specialists and two individuals.



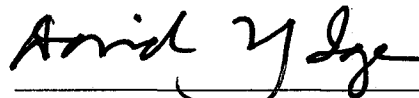
Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Mr. Ramos has been capably serving the Board as the representative for the Department of Health since April 2006. He is currently an inspector for the Food and Drug Branch, conducting food safety inspections. Previous duties with the Branch included being temporarily assigned to the Prescription Drug Safety Specialist position. In that capacity, Mr. Ramos attended and supported the Board in carrying out their duties.

Dr. Balaraman has represented the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine as member of the Board since April 2005. As an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and his experience as a practicing physician in pediatric medicine, he brings a unique and valued perspective to the Board.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



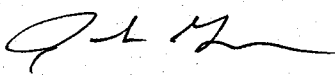
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



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IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
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Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM 430</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH</b>	Date: <b>3-11-9</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
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