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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 245.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 245, regarding the **reappointment** of Mark E. Brown to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Brown's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Brown is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since August 6, 1996, and his pharmacist license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Brown currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Board and due to his knowledge of the practice of pharmacy and especially his knowledge of the Hawaii pharmacy practice laws and rules, he has been selected by his fellow board members

to represent Hawaii and participate in several exam writing sessions with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Mr. Brown is always prepared for board meetings and his participation during the meetings has been exemplary.

On many occasions, board members have called upon Mr. Brown to assess an issue, articulate the finer points, and to make recommendations because his analyses are well respected. We believe that Mr. Brown's continued service on the Board will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Brown to the Board of Pharmacy, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mark Brown

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

I would like to thank you for reviewing the file regarding my nomination to the State Board of Pharmacy. In addition to this letter, I have attached a list of references.

I wish to continue to serve on the Board of Pharmacy for several reasons. First, I have found that being on the Board of Pharmacy, allow members of the Board to make decisions that enhance consumer protection. Through the process of reviewing the questions on our state specific jurisprudence exam, the NPJE, I have been able to enhance the quality of prospective pharmacist by selecting valid questions for the exam. As a representative of my profession, I will be able to continue to move the practice of pharmacy toward modernization through the rules revision process, which is currently being worked on.

There are several responsibilities and roles of the members of the Board of Pharmacy. Consumer protection is the primary responsibility of the Board. In addition to the primary responsibility, there are many duties mandated for the Board: adopting and amending rules associated with HAR 16-95, granting or denying licenses, discipline of licensees, prepare examination for prospective pharmacist, and monitoring of the practice of pharmacy.

With my experiences as a licensed pharmacy in this state since 1996, working and managing a retail and long-term care pharmacy, and serving on the Board of Pharmacy for the last 3 ½ years, the last 2 as Vice-Chair, I believe that I am qualified to be reappointed to the Board. Over my time on the Board, I have been able to be Hawaii's voting delegate to the National Board of Pharmacy's (NABP) Annual Meeting and have represented the Board at 3 NABP NPJE review sessions. In this time on the Board I have grown in my knowledge of our pharmacy laws as well as the processes of our State government's adoption of new laws.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information about myself and qualifications for the State Board of Pharmacy. If any additional information is required please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo,

Mark E. Brown, RPh., MBA

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<b>Education</b>	11/2000 -- 10/2002	University of Phoenix	Wailuku, Hawaii
	MBA		
	8/1991 -- 3/1996	University of Toledo	Toledo, Ohio
	BS in Pharmacology		
<b>Professional Experience</b>	9/1998 - Present	IPC/PharMerica 1900 Main Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793	
	<b>Pharmacy Operations Manager</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Manage both retail and long-term care pharmacies in Wailuku, with combined sales of almost \$5 million each year and a staff of 3 pharmacists and 8 pharmacy technicians. Daily the combined pharmacies dispense an average of over 360+ prescriptions to both the community and ALFs/ICFs/SNFs. Oversee day to day operations within pharmacies as well as plan future expansion possibilities. Note that the retail pharmacy was sold to Long's Drugs 3/31/07.</li></ul>	
	<b>Consultant Pharmacist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide monthly drug regimen reviews for 360 long-term care residents of ICFs/SNFs and quarterly for 100 ALF residents. Provide educational programs to nursing staff within these facilities biannually. Chair the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.</li></ul>	
	1/1997 -- 9/1998	IPC/PharMerica 472 Kaulana Road, Kahului, Hawaii 96732	
	<b>Chief Pharmacist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Manage long-term care pharmacy located within nursing facility, which serves 360 ICF/SNF patients. This pharmacy produced sales of over \$1.4 million annually with a staff of 1 pharmacist and 2 pharmacy technicians.</li></ul>	
	<b>Consultant Pharmacist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide monthly drug regimen reviews for 360 long-term care residents of ICFs/SNFs. Provide educational programs to nursing staff within these facilities biannually. Chair the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.</li></ul>	
	7/1996 -- 1/1997	IPC/PharMerica 1900 Main Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793	
	<b>Staff Pharmacist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dispense legend and over-the-counter medication in retail pharmacy that dispenses an average of 180 prescriptions each day. Compound IV admixtures for home IV service. Compound capsules and suppositories as needed per physician orders.</li></ul>	
	<b>Consultant Pharmacist</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide monthly drug regimen reviews for 360 long-term care residents of ICFs/SNFs. Provide educational programs to nursing staff within these facilities biannually. Chair the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.</li></ul>	
	3/1996 -- 7/1996	IPC/PharMerica 1900 Main Street, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793	
	<b>Graduate Pharmacist Intern</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assist in the dispensing of legend and over-the-counter medication in retail pharmacy that dispenses an average of 180 prescriptions each day. Compound IV admixtures for home IV service. Compound capsules and suppositories as needed per physician orders.</li></ul>	
<b>Organizations</b>	3/1996 -- Present	Member of The American Society of Consultant Pharmacists	
	7/2005 -- Present	Member of Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy -- currently Vice Chairman	