

GM 337

Dr. Stein E. Rafto

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEIN E. RAFTO MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

March 2, 2009

To: Senator David Ige, Chairman of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Health,
and other members of the Health Committee

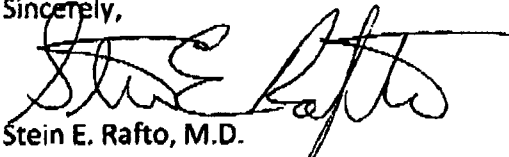
Subject: Stein E. Rafto, M.D. Nomination to continue as a member of the State Board on
Radiologic Technology

Aloha,

I hope you will favorably consider my reappointment to the Radiologic Technology Board for the State of Hawaii. I have tried to serve this Board in a dedicated and conscientious manner since my initial appointment in 2003, and ask for your consideration in reappointing me to this Board for another 4 year term. In addition to almost 20 years service as a staff radiologist with Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, I have also been very active in other professional groups and in the community as attested in my State Boards and Commissions application. I understand the importance of the Board's function in reviewing ethical and safety issues as well as other concerns regarding the use of imaging devices for both medical and other reasons in the community.

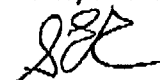
Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the Hawaii State Radiologic Technology Board.

Sincerely,



Stein E. Rafto, M.D.

P.S. Senator Ige, I apologize to you and the Committee for not being able to attend the hearing due to previously scheduled clinical commitments. I hope this will not adversely reflect on my nomination to the Board, as it does not reflect my sincere commitment to continue to serve on the Board. As Mr. Jeff Eckerd (Radiation Section Supervisor) and Mr. Russell Takata (ex-officio member representing the Department of Health) can attest, I have rarely missed a Board meeting, and am an active participant in its function.



**Confirmation Review by the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Health
for Stein Erik Rafto, M.D.
to the Radiologic Technology Board**

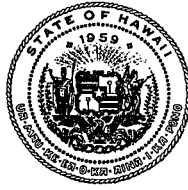
Dear Senators of the Health Committee, thank you for this opportunity to provide some background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board.

I was born in Tacoma, Washington and moved to Makaha at age seven when my father began working as a civilian administrative officer at Lualualei Naval Magazine. I enjoyed growing up on the Leeward Coast with neighbors such as Rell Sunn and Buffalo Keaulana, and attended Makaha Elementary and Waianae Intermediate schools. I then attended Mid-Pacific Institute, and distinguished myself by being a two-sport all-state athlete with five state gold metals in track and cross-country, senior senator in charge of the honors dormitory, class president, and class salutatorian. For these things and continued service to the school and community, I was recently inducted into the MPI Athletic Hall of Fame. At Harvard College, in addition to graduating with honors in biochemistry with a summa thesis which was published in a scientific peer-review journal, I collected several all-conference honors in track and cross-country and was captain of the cross-country team. Returning to Hawaii to attend the John A. Burns School of Medicine, I graduated with distinction in 1983, and was the local runner to beat at most races from the mile to the marathon for several years. An internship in Honolulu was followed by six years at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as a radiology resident and neuroradiology fellow doing research in MRI and neurodegenerative disorders, which included grants from the National Institutes of Health.

In 1990 I was hired by Kaiser and returned to Honolulu to set up their MRI department. I was section head of MRI at Kaiser for five years until I had to step down for health-related reasons, but continue as a staff radiologist interpreting most types of diagnostic imaging studies. I served on the Kaiser Cancer Committee for 15 years, ten as its vice-chairman, and participated in Kaiser's development of a computer automated medical record system with Epic Health Systems. Recently I have been very active in clinic administration and promoting breast cancer mammography screening. I have been active in several local and national medical societies, having served as a committee chair and member of the executive committee and Board of Governors of the Honolulu County Medical Society, and in similar capacities with the Western Neuroradiological Society and the American Society of Neuroradiology. I have helped to arrange for the WNRS meetings for several hundred physicians to be held in Hawaii in 1999 and 2003, and am pleased that the meeting will return to Hawaii in 2009. I continue to serve as a reviewer for the Kaiser Permanente Medical Journal and a reviewer for scientific abstracts for the yearly ASNR meeting. In other service to the community, I am an active blood donor, have supervised bone marrow registry events, am a founding member and president of the M Club at MPI, and for more than 10 years have visited dozens of preschool and elementary school classes each year to show children a skeleton ("Oscar") and x-ray studies as a fun and educational activity.

Based on my six years of service on the Radiologic Technology Board, and my 25 years of experience in radiology and related activities, I feel I am qualified to address the issues considered by the board. I ask for your support for my nomination to another full term on the Radiologic Technology Board. Thank you.

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**GM 317, GM 325, GM 331 and GM 337
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Radiologic Technology
Board Gubernatorial Nominees,
Larry A. Carnes, Lori H. O. Kamikawa, Mark D. Moniz, and Stein E. Rafto, M.D.
for Terms to Expire on 06-30-2012 (Carnes) and 06-30-2013**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

March 11, 2009

2:45 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The department strongly supports these nominees.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Governor's messages request confirmation of Larry A. Carnes, Lori H.
4 O. Kamikawa, Mark D. Moniz, and Stein E. Rafto, M.D. for appointment to the Radiologic Technology
5 Board.

6 Mr. Carnes will be an excellent resource for the Radiologic Technology Board. He has worked
7 in the radiologic technology field since 1990 and is currently employed at Tripler Army Medical Center
8 where he is responsible for the diagnostic quality of routine and special radiographic images, as well as
9 fluoroscopic studies. Mr. Carnes brings a wealth of experience in radiography to the board and his
10 knowledge in the field of radiologic technology will be an asset to the board in the future.

11 Ms. Kamikawa continues to be a positive influence for the Radiologic Technology Board on
12 which she has served since July 2003. She has been working in the radiologic technology field since

1 1982 and is currently employed at Castle Medical Center where she performs general radiology,
2 mammography, portable radiography and fluoroscopy. Ms. Kamikawa has made significant
3 contributions in the past, and her extensive experience in radiography and mammography has been
4 advantageous. Her re-appointment will make a positive impact to the board.

5 Mr. Moniz has been a productive resource for the Radiologic Technology Board on which he has
6 served since July 2005. He has worked in the radiologic technology field since 1993 and is currently
7 employed at Castle Medical Center where he is the Diagnostic Imaging Supervisor. His past work
8 experiences included general radiology, fluoroscopy, angiography, cardiac catheterization and radiation
9 safety. Mr. Moniz has provided a wealth of knowledge and experience in radiography, and his re-
10 appointment will be beneficial to the board.

11 Dr. Rafto has provided valuable direction for the Radiologic Technology Board on which he has
12 served since July 2003. He has been a licensed physician since 1983 and is presently working as a staff
13 radiologist for Kaiser Permanente Hawaii. His extensive knowledge of radiology has been very useful
14 to the board on many occasions in the past particularly involving the expectations of radiologists with
15 respect to the technical competency of radiologic technologists, new modalities and its effect on
16 radiologic technology training, and the importance of licensing according to national credentials. Dr.
17 Rafto's re-appointment will be a positive benefit to the board's effectiveness.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.