

**GM212**



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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **HEALTH Board of:**

Kevin D. Cassel

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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In reply, please refer to:  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

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

**March 5, 2010**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of Kevin  
2 D. Cassel to the Board of Health.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Cassel has been an active member of the Board of Health since April  
5 2008. Mr Cassel is the partnership program coordinator for the Cancer Information Service, Pacific  
6 Region at the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii. He has extensive experience in developing  
7 partnerships and public education programs. In his work with the Hawaii Comprehensive Cancer  
8 Coalition, Mr. Cassel coordinated statewide data training, developed the coalition's communication plan  
9 and coordinated the coalitions' recent medial campaign. His experience brings valuable expertise to the  
10 Board. We appreciate his willingness to continue to serve as a Board member.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the re-appointment of Kevin D. Cassel to  
12 the Board of Health.



Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

RE: GM 212 - NOMINATION BY GOVERNOR FOR KEVIN D. CASSEL TO CONTINUE TO  
SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

March 4, 2010

KEVIN CASSEL, MPH  
EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COORDINATOR  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER RESEARCH CENTER

Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time in considering my nomination by Governor Lingle to be appointed to the Board of Health. I believe that through this appointment I will be able to continue and further my ongoing work towards improving the health outcomes of the citizens of Hawaii.

For the past 15 years I have worked as a Partnership Program Coordinator for the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at the University of Hawai'i Cancer Research Center. My job, and my mission, is to disseminate the latest knowledge in cancer control to the public. I work to accomplish this by providing methods of liaison between researchers and the broader community.

To this end I have worked in concert with many of Hawai'i's public health and human service organizations including the Hawai'i Department of Health, the University of Hawai'i Department of Public Health Studies, the American Cancer Society, the Coalition for Tobacco Free Hawai'i, the Hawai'i Medical Association, and various medical care facilities in the state.

Current I am continuing my role in cancer control education and partnership, working as a staff member for the University of Hawai'i Cancer Research Center, while pursuing my Doctorate in Community-participatory and Translational Research at the University of Hawai'i.

I believe my background in public health and cancer control, as well as my affiliations with agencies working towards the "greater good" of community health promotion, will help me to provide important contributions as a member of the Board of Health.

I humbly submit this testimony, and thank you for the opportunity to testify.