

**GM 406**



GOV. MSG. NO. 406

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 31, 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 **Board of Pharmacy**:

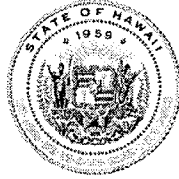
Todd K. Inafuku

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE



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GOVERNOR  
JAMES R. AIONA, JR.  
LT. GOVERNOR

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 406.**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

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

My name is Rodney Maile and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 406, regarding the appointment of Todd K. Inafuku to the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Inafuku's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I have spoken with Mr. Inafuku regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on my discussion with Mr. Inafuku, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background, and experience to serve on the Board, and to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Mr. Inafuku attended the University of Hawaii and received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy with Honors from the University of Wyoming and has been a licensed pharmacist in Hawaii since 1976. His professional experience includes positions with Longs Drug Stores as a staff pharmacist, Aiea Medical Pharmacy as the pharmacy manager, Bergen Brunswig Drug Company as an assistant division manager and operations manager. Mr. Inafuku has also served as a consultant to pharmaceutical companies. He is also a member of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association and the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Inafuku previously served as the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Branch Pharmacist in the Department of Health. He is also involved in community organizations such as the Medicine Bank of Honolulu, Friends of the Hawaii Poison Center, and the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition.

Mr. Inafuku is no stranger to the Board as he previously served on the Board and is seeking to again serve the community as a member of the Board. Additionally, Mr. Inafuku currently helps the Department ensure that the quality of pharmacist serving the people of Hawaii remains high by serving as an Advisory Committee Member (ACM). As an ACM member, Mr. Inafuku reviews complaints against pharmacists and renders a fair, unbiased, and accurate advisory opinion that the Department and Board considers when prosecuting and adjudicating the complaints.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Inafuku will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I

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respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Inafuku's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Inafuku's behalf.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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April 12, 2009

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
and Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In reference to GM 406 Hearing scheduled Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 016, I strongly support Mr. Todd Inafuku, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Board of Pharmacy, as I believe he would be an excellent addition to the current Board. Mr. Inafuku has previously worked for the Department of Health and has continued an occasional advisory relationship with the Department, especially with regard to public health preparedness issues. He has always maintained a balanced perspective with concern for the public's health and welfare foremost above other issues. He has and continues, when solicited, to provide sound, unbiased advice regarding pharmacists and pharmaceutical issues (e.g. regarding the state's strategic antimicrobial stockpile). I believe that confirming his nomination would be in the best interest of our State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Y. Park".

Sarah Y. Park, M.D., F.A.A.P  
Hawaii State Epidemiologist  
Chief, Disease Outbreak Control Division

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 406  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
TOD K. INAFUKU  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014**

By  
Mr. Keith Kamita

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 09:30 AM  
State Capitol, Room 016

Senator Baker and Members of the Committees:

I have personally known and worked with Mr. Inafuku for over fifteen years of my law enforcement career. As the Chief of the State's Narcotics Enforcement Division I have had the pleasure working and collaborating with Mr. Inafuku on proposed legislation having to do with pharmaceutical controlled substances and regulated chemicals. Mr. Inafuku has consistently demonstrated his ability to communicate and work effectively with retail, medical and government agencies. Mr. Inafuku has been a pharmacist for over 34 years and has always been an individual of high moral character and conviction. Over the years I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Inafuku in crafting legislation, working on rules and have witnessed his ability to listen and fairly address the needs both his fellow pharmacist as well as the concerns of law enforcement. I would like to give my highest recommendation for Mr. Inafuku's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this matter.

Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
April 13, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Ronald T. Taniguchi, Pharm.D.  
Director of Community Partnerships  
College of Pharmacy, University of Hawai'i Hilo

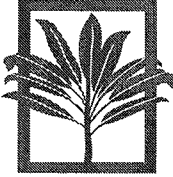
**GM 406 RELATING TO TODD K. INAFUKU BOARD OF PHARMACY  
CONFIRMATION**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, as an individual, **in support of the confirmation of Todd K. Inafuku for appointment to the Board of Pharmacy.** I have known Mr. Inafuku on a professional and personal basis for thirty years. His extensive experience in all sectors of pharmacy practice in Hawai'i, individual integrity, and steadfast commitment to the advancement of healthcare for the people of Hawai'i has few equals. Combined with eight years past experience as a Board of Pharmacy member and chair, the addition of Mr. Inafuku will serve as a positive influence in moving the Board forward during these challenging times.

Thank you very much.





## Hawai'i Primary Care Association

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April 9, 2010

To: **Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs**  
The Hon. Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
The Hon. David Ige, Vice-Chair

From: Beth Giesting, CEO

Re: Support for Nomination of Todd Inafuku to Board of Pharmacy, GM 406

This letter is in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Todd Inafuku to the Hawai'i State Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Inafuku has been associated with the Hawai'i Primary Care Association since 1996, when he was a pivotal contributor to the planning and design of our Medicine Bank program. Todd's dedication to the project continued; he became a member of Medicine Bank's Advisory Committee, and later, its board of directors. Mr. Inafuku's support was further demonstrated by donations he made to the Medicine Bank through the companies for which he worked. During the 10-year life of the Medicine Bank, Todd organized the donation of nebulizers, over-the-counter medicines, and bulk prescription drugs, all for the benefit of the underserved patients at Hawai'i's community health centers.

Mr. Inafuku has also served as an advisor to HPCA generally on matters involving prescription drugs. His input regarding the complexities of the pharmaceutical world has been invaluable to us in a number of circumstances. Because he has worked as a retail pharmacist, a pharmaceutical company representative, for a large drug wholesaler, and as a civil servant, Todd's knowledge of the industry is encyclopedic. He understands the industry from production to pricing to policy; micro to macro, and he is very willing to share what he knows. Mr. Inafuku believes strongly in the value of service, in the need to mentor learners, and to contribute to the community. I have found him to be extremely honorable and above-board in all my dealings with him. As the University of Hawai'i's School of Pharmacy prepares to graduate its first class I can think of no better person to serve on the Board of Pharmacy than Mr. Inafuku.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Todd Inafuku's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
HEARING DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 016

Re: GM 406 – Testimony in Strong Support

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Ige,

I would like testify in strong support of Todd K. Inafuku's appointment to the Board of Pharmacy.

In my duties as the Prescription Drug Safety Specialist for the Food and Drug Branch, I have had the pleasure of collaborating with Mr. Inafuku while he served as a very active member of the Drug Product Selection Board (DPSB). Mr. Inafuku consistently demonstrated an excellent knowledge of the regulatory statutes granting the DPSB their responsibilities. Further, Mr. Inafuku played an active role in crafting statutory language seeking to better improve the process by which substitutable generic drugs are approved here in Hawaii; thus improving timely patient access.

A quick review of Mr. Inafuku's resume will no doubt reveal the extensive, diverse and valuable experience he has cultivated over the years working in the pharmacy industry. Couple this experience with a genuine desire to "give back" to our community and his profession and you have someone that is more than capable to carry out the consumer protection mission of the Board of Pharmacy.

It is my hope that the committee recognizes the opportunity they have in front of them and confirm Mr. Inafuku to an appointment on the Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

Greg Edwards  
Prescription Drug Safety Specialist – Food and Drug Branch



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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Tuesday, April 13, 2010; 9:30 AM  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Re: GM 406 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, TODD K. INAFUKU, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bob Ingersoll, Vice-President and General Manager of Hawaii Operations for Longs Drugs/CVS-Caremark, expressing support for Todd Inafuku's confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy.

Todd's resume is as impressive as it is varied. Shortly after graduating from the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1976, Todd returned to Hawaii to join the Longs team as a pharmacist until 1983. Twenty-two years later, Todd returned to the Longs ohana to manage the Longs Drugs Hawaii Professional Service Center where he implemented and managed support projects including, Specialty Pharmacy, Hawaii Medical Association (HMSA) Par Med program, Medicare Part B Assignment, Medicaid Waiver Program, RxAmerica Call Center (Hawaii), State Pharmacy Assistance Program (SPAP), Third Party Service Call Center (Hawaii), and Mail Order Pharmacy operations. Todd also assisted in the expansion of Patient Care Services including HMSA Antidepressant Call Center program, Medication Therapy Management programs, Diabetes, COPD, in-store immunization programs, and patient home infusion therapy on Maui.

For the last year, Todd has been Director of Government Affairs (Hawaii) for the company.

Through my dealings with Todd, I have found him to be extremely hard-working, contentious, and detail-oriented. Experiences garnered over his thirty-four-year career will surely support the work of the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Todd Inafuku to the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions at 808-848-4000.

*Alison Rowland-Ciszek 524 Auwina Street Kailua, HI 96734 808.256-0757*

April 9, 2010

Senator Roslyn Baker, Chair and Senator David Ige, Vice-Chair Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

RE: GM 406, Todd Inafuku

Dear Senators Baker and Ige,

My name is Alison Rowland-Ciszek and for 10 years I was the director of the Medicine Bank, a program of the Hawaii Primary Care Association. During my tenure at the Medicine Bank I came to rely heavily on the expertise and guidance of Todd Inafuku. He was someone with an extremely thorough understanding of the pharmaceutical industry and someone that I could trust for good advice. I am not a pharmacist and I desperately needed the input of a professional when trying to understand such a complicated industry. He understood the pieces and how they fit together, and he was very patient in explaining them to me. I turned to him over and over again.

Before I came to HPCA, Todd had already been working with staff there to create the Medicine Bank. He, Beth Giesting, Pam Christoffel and others assisted in drafting the bill that enabled the Medicine Bank to operate. He remained an advisor to the program throughout its span.

I have always felt strongly that Todd Inafuku was an honest, trustworthy person, and that he did not have an agenda beyond the good of the community. He understood very well the needs of the people served by the Medicine Bank at Community Health Centers, and he wanted to help them.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mr. Todd Inafuku serving on the Hawaii state Board of Pharmacy again. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber and energy interested in serving!

Respectfully,

Alison Rowland-Ciszek

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Tuesday, April 13, 2010; 9:30 AM  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 016

**Re: GM 406 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, TODD K. INAFUKU,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2014.**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of my confirmation to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy, hereafter referred to as the "Board". Having served on the Board from 1986 to 1994, I understand the important role of Board members and the commitment that is required to be an active and productive member of the Board. It would be an honor to once again serve in this capacity and utilize the knowledge and experience that I have acquired to support the Board as it transitions the profession of pharmacy from a product oriented to a patient oriented clinical profession focused on providing quality patient care.

By licensing pharmacists and pharmacies, the Board is responsible for promulgating and revising the rules and regulations that define the practice of pharmacy to ensure that patients and the public continue to receive the highest level of care and professionalism. The Board must address issues that will influence changes in the roles and responsibilities of pharmacists and pharmacies while examining and supporting the use of enabling technology. New technologies are being deployed to improve efficiency and accuracy in the dispensing of medications, provide for more drug and health related information to patients, assist in medication therapy management, and facilitate the exchange of patient health information among providers.

I believe that the Board should work collaboratively with the University of Hawaii Hilo, School of Pharmacy as its first class of students prepares to participate in their advance practice pharmacy experience which will provide "real world" experiences to tomorrow's pharmacists. The Board should also engage pharmacy educators to develop patient-oriented healthcare programs and in collaboration with other healthcare practitioners, provide post-licensure education and training programs to support these programs and address potential workforce issues. Prescription dispensing services provided by pharmacists have and will always be an important component in the delivery of healthcare and today's pharmacists are entering the practice with clinical skills that result in improved health outcomes.

Throughout my thirty-four year career as a registered pharmacist, I have been fortunate to have worked in various industry settings which include independent and chain retail pharmacies; wholesale drug distribution; drug and device manufacturing, clinical trials and sales; emergency preparedness; and government affairs. In addition to previous service on the Board, I have also been a member of the Drug Product Selection Board and volunteered with worthy community organizations such as the Medicine Bank of Hawaii, Friends of the Hawaii Poison Center, Flu and Pneumonia Task Force, and Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition. I have been a preceptor for pharmacy interns and I am currently a guest lecturer at the University of Hawaii Hilo, School of Pharmacy, Law and Ethics Class.

I look forward to serving on the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy and respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Todd Kiyoshi Inafuku