

GM 706

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of
Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK YAMAKAWA,
for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**



STATE OF HAWAII
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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

April 13, 2011

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
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G.M. 706, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Board of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mark Kamakawa, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Mark Kamakawa
2 to serve on the Hawaii Board of Health for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Mark Kamakawa to serve on The Board of
5 Health representing Oahu.

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7 Mark Kamakawa is the Chief Operating Officer for the Queens' Medical Center. Prior to assuming his
8 present position, Mr. Kamakawa held a variety of administrative and management position in the
9 Queen's Health System.

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11 Mr. Kamakawa has extensive experience in healthcare administration, planning and systems
12 development. He has served on many boards in both the public and private sectors, including the State
13 Health Planning & Development Agency Coordinating Council, the University Health Alliance,
14 Diagnostic Laboratories, the Kalihi Palama Health Center, and many community organizations.

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1 His professional experience in healthcare would be assets to the Board.

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3 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in confirming Mark Kamakawa to
4 serve on the Board of Health as a representative for Oahu.

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6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this appointment.

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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
The Senate
Committee on Health

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
April 13, 2011

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Confirmation to the Board of Health, Mark Yamakawa

The Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the nomination of Mark Yamakawa to the State of Hawaii Board of Health.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Yamakawa for over 15 years in both a professional and personal capacity. Mr. Yamakawa is well-qualified to serve on the Board of Health, given his position with the Queen's Health System (QHS). During his tenure at Queen's Mr. Yamakawa has been charged with ever-increasing responsibilities, and has demonstrated tremendous skill in managing the many facets of the Queen's organization. This experience, along with his personal attributes, makes him an ideal candidate for this important board.

In addition, I have served together with Mr. Yamakawa for several years on the board of directors of Lanakila Pacific, where he has greatly contributed to the success of that organization.

It is my pleasure to offer the unequivocal support of the HGEA on behalf of Mark Yamakawa for appointment to the Board of Health.

Your favorable consideration of his nomination is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director



Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

April 8, 2011

Subject: GM #706

Dear Senator Green, Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Health:

I am writing to express my support of GM#706 for Mark Yamakawa's nomination to serve on the Board of Health.

I am the President & CEO of The Queen's Health Systems and have worked with Mr. Yamakawa in various executive and leadership roles over the past 22 years. Mr. Yamakawa is currently the Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of The Queen's Health Systems and The Queen's Medical Center. He has major responsibilities over the day-to-day operations of Queen's, working with the medical staff of 1,100 physicians and nearly 5,000 employees. His broad experiences in healthcare will be invaluable as a member of the Board of Health and I highly recommend his appointment to this role. He is clearly committed to improving the health of our community.

If I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call (547-4688) or email (aushijima@queens.org) me.

Sincerely,

Arthur A. Ushijima

MARK H. YAMAKAWA

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Senator Josh Green, MD, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

April 11, 2011

Subject: GM #706 Personal Statement

Dear Senator Green, Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Health:

I am writing to ask for your favorable consideration to serve on the Board of Health.

I am currently Chief Operating Officer at The Queen's Medical Center and have worked in various assignments throughout The Queen's Health Systems for over 25 years. I am committed to improving the health of our community through the mission of The Queen's Medical Center.

My commitment is also demonstrated through community service. I currently serve on the Boards of Directors of Lanakila Pacific Foundation (fka Lanakila Rehabilitation Foundation), Child & Family Service, CareResource Hawaii, UHA, and Diagnostic Laboratory Services and have served previously on the Boards of Hospice Hawaii and Kalihi Palama Health Center. The relationships and broad perspectives from these experiences will allow me to contribute as a member of the Board of Health.

I would appreciate your favorable consideration to my nomination to the Board of Health.

Sincerely,



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April 11, 2011

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Health
Conference Room 229
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Re: Testimony in Support of GM 706: Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK YAMAKAWA, for a term to expire June 30, 2015

Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am writing in support of my friend Mark Yamakawa. I have known Mark for many years and can without equivocation support his nomination to the Board of Health.

He has a wealth of knowledge about Hawaii's health systems and industry and will be a tremendous addition. I believe that with his many years at Queen's Health Systems he will provide the Board with the expertise needed to address the issues at the Board of Health. I heartily endorse his nomination and ask for your support.

Sincerely,


R. Brian Tsujimura

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