

TESTIMONY

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**HTH
Committee Hearing
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1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances?

I would be honored if selected to serve as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances. I feel that is a great opportunity to share my knowledge and interact with other professionals to work towards improving society and creating a safer environment.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance?

I feel that my role and responsibility as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance would be to share my pharmaceutical background on the most commonly abused drugs.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance.

I have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree earned from Oregon State University and currently practice as a retail pharmacist at Long's Drug Store in the state of Hawaii. I am knowledgeable in the pharmaceutical laws in the state of Hawaii, which include regulation of controlled substances. I am a strong believer that the statutes pertaining to controlled substances are in place for good reason to protect society from drug abuse and overuse. As a licensed pharmacist in the state of Hawaii, I adhere to these regulations very firmly as I believe in the purpose of controlling drug abuse of controlled substances.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to open up the roles of community pharmacists in educating society of the negative impacts from drug abuse, overuse, and misuse. I also would like to encourage other healthcare professionals to increase their involvement in preventing and stopping drug abuse of controlled substances.

5. Name 3 qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance?

Caring, passionate and life-long learner, are the first 3 qualities of myself that come to mind. I care about others and truly have the interest in giving back to the community and fulfilling my role as a healthcare professional. I am passionate about being a pharmacist and feel that I have the opportunity to reach out to others and positively impact their lives. As a life-long learner, I am open to ideas and meeting new people and learning from others.

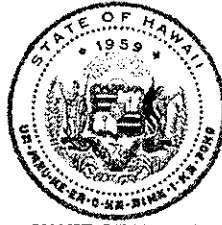
6. Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance?

Long's Drug store was involved in the Hawaii Drug Take Back Program, which many stores opened their doors to serve as drop off locations for people to bring in their old or unwanted medications to aid in proper disposal. Proper disposal of medication is one key way in preventing drug abuse by avoiding controlled substances and other highly abused medications from getting into the wrong hands. I was chosen by my supervisor, to be the 'face and voice' of Long's Drug Store in presenting our role in promoting the Hawaii Drug Take Back Program. I feel that this is a positive experience to have as I have learned from others I have met and worked with during this program. I have become more familiar with the reality of drug abuse in our society and the negative impacts that it has played in our community. I feel that this knowledge and experience would benefit my abilities to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I can't foresee any possible conflicts of interests that may arise during service on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance.

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TESTIMONY ON GM 674
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMIE TOMITA PHARM-D,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE

By

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2012, 1:30 PM
State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee:

I have personally known and worked with Miss Jamie Tomita for several years of my law enforcement career. While I was the Chief of the State's Narcotics Enforcement Division I had the pleasure of working with Miss Tomita on the media campaign and actual implementation of Hawaii's pharmaceutical drug take back program. Miss Tomita impressed me in her ability to communicate and work effectively with the Special Agents assigned to my Narcotics Enforcement Division as well as the public. Miss Tomita is an individual of high moral character, conviction and maturity beyond her years, she has the knowledge and ability to listen and address the needs of her peers as well as her willingness to be a team player. Her expertise in pharmaceutical drugs as well as pharmacy operations will be an asset to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance.

For these reasons I would like to give my highest recommendation for Doctor Jamie Tomita to be confirmed to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this important matter.

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Senate Committee on Health

**G.M. 673 and 674; Nomination of Dallen Paleka and Jamie Tomita for
Consideration as Commissioners on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug
Abuse and Controlled Substances**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

March 7, 2012

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Dallen Paleka
2 (6/30/2016) and Jamie Tomita (6/30/2016), to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug
3 Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for terms to expire as parenthetically indicated.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointments of Dallen Paleka and Jamie Tomita to serve
6 on HACDACS.

7 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not limited to
8 pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational, legal defense,
9 enforcement and corrections segments of the community.

10 **Dallen Paleka** is Chief of Operations at the Department of Public Safety (PSD), Halawa
11 Correctional Facility. His service with PSD, which commenced in September 1988, has included posts
12 at the facility as a Sergeant, Watch Lieutenant, Watch Commander and Operations Captain. He has
13 undergone numerous hours of corrections related training which include: American Correctional
14 Association Congress of Correction (3.2 Continuing Education Units, August 3-7, 2002); PSD New

1 Supervisors' Management Course (72 hours, September 2000); Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT)
2 Management Systems Course for Defensive Tactics Instructors (40 hours, May 22 – 26, 2000); and
3 Instructor Training for Institutional Crisis Intervention (350 hours, December 1999 to March 2000).
4 Dallen Paleka's reappointment will ensure continued representation of the corrections segment in
5 Commission deliberations.

6 **Jamie Tomita** is a licensed pharmacist with Longs Drugs Store/CVS Pharmacy. She holds a
7 Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from Oregon State University, College of Pharmacy. While
8 working towards her degree, she gained experience in the field of pharmacy in both Oregon and Hawaii
9 through experiential clerkships in community pharmacy, ambulatory care, internal medicine,
10 hospital/health systems, community management, medically underserved and inpatient pharmacy. Her
11 affiliations with professional organizations include: Phi Delta Chi, American Pharmacists Association,
12 Oregon State Pharmacy Association, National Community Pharmacist Association and the American
13 Society of Health Systems Pharmacists. Jamie Tomita's appointment will ensure representation of the
14 pharmacological segment in Commission deliberations.

15 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in confirming
16 Dallen Paleka and Jamie Tomita to serve on HACDACS.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of volunteers whose appointments add
18 to the cross-section of community interests represented on the Commission.

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