

GM 704

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Friday, April 7, 2017
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 704**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE **BOARD OF PHARMACY**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **KENNETH VANDENBUSSCHE**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021.

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 704, nominating Mr. Kenneth Vandebussche for membership on the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

Mr. Vandebussche has been a successful pharmacist and Kauai resident since the 1990s, managing pharmacy operations for a number of larger providers on Kauai that include Wal-Mart and, most recently, Costco Wholesale. His license is current and in

good standing. Adding to his knowledge and experience as a practicing pharmacist, Mr. Vandebussche will also be able to provide input to the Board's discussions based on his experience as a large operations manager and customer service leader.

Mr. Vandebussche has indicated he is aware of the demands of attending and adequately preparing for monthly Board meetings – particularly as a neighbor island resident – and he is willing to make the necessary time and planning commitments. Mr. Vandebussche has also indicated a desire to give back to his community and profession, and service on the Board is a way for him to do that. Given his clear motivation to serve and his well-established career in the practice of pharmacy, the Department believes that Mr. Vandebussche will be a strong addition to the Board's membership.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Kenneth Vandebussche for membership on the Board of Pharmacy. I am available to answer any questions the Committee may have.

From: [Robert Notley](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Letter of Recommendation
Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017 3:41:57 PM

To The Hawaii State Board Of Pharmacy

It is my pleasure to recommend Ken Vandebussche for a position on the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Vandebussche and I have been acquainted as pharmacists for over 20 years, and have worked together at Costco for 4 years.

I value and appreciate my time working with Ken, and know he would be a valuable asset to The Board. He is hard working, dependable, and honest. Beyond that, he is a very good communicator and always as fair as possible. His knowledge of Pharmacy and expertise in management and organization are huge advantages for Costco Pharmacy.

Along with these talents, he is a team player and dedicated to the best results for everyone.

Ken is dedicated, knowledgeable, and a good person. and would undoubtedly be a beneficial addition to the board.

Also, A member from a neighbor Island should help the Board be effective State wide.

Please contact me if you have questions or would like me to expand on my recommendation.

Best Wishes
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Subject: Letter of recommendation for Ken Vandebussche for board of pharmacy member
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April 2, 2017

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Ken Vandebussche for nomination as a member of hawaii board of pharmacy. From 2000 to 2004, i worked at Walmart pharmacy in Lihue, kauai, as staff pharmacist before taking over as pharmacy manager from then on until 2010, when i left the company. During that first period Ken was our pharmacy manager, showing great skills in both leadership and organizational skills. Ken displayed excellent social skills in managing the associates in the pharmacy and in building rapport with the customers. ken is knowledgeable in both the practice and the business aspects of pharmacy.

Once more, i recommend Ken to you very highly. I believe he'll be a very successful board member and will positively contribute to policies that will impact the pharmacy profession and practice in the future.

Sincerely,

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April, 3, 2017

To whom it may concern,

It is a pleasure to be called upon as a reference for Ken VandenBussche for the Board of Pharmacy – Kaua`i position. I first became acquainted with Mr. VandenBussche in 1995 when we were both pharmacy managers for competing chain drug stores. I also had the pleasure of working under him as an on-call staff pharmacist for over four years.

I know Mr. VandenBussche as a man of high integrity and utmost professionalism. I also find him to be a very moral and ethical person, and I have confidence that he will keep the safety of the people of Hawaii a top priority. His knowledge and expertise in the Retail pharmacy setting will be a benefit to the Board of Pharmacy as they encounter the many changes occurring in the practice of pharmacy today.

I firmly believe that Mr. VandenBussche will be an asset to the Board of Pharmacy and recommend him without reservation. If there are further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Kenneth Vandebussche: Board of Pharmacy

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I am an experienced Hawaii Pharmacist Manager of over 20 years. With my experiences with Wal-Mart, Pharmerica, Costco, and independent pharmacies, I can provide a unique perspective to grow the pharmacist role in this state and make a positive contribution to the profession and people of Hawaii. I also have mentored many interns from different Universities, not only University of Hawaii students. I have trained many of the technicians on Kauai and encouraged them to get their national certifications to expand their skills and professionalism. I want to give back to the profession that gave me so much.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

– to promote and protect health safety and welfare to consumers of Hawaii, by regulating the profession of pharmacy in the public interest.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I see the pharmacy profession changing and expanding- Immunizations, Oral contraceptives, Naloxone , MTM, DSM, recognized as a provider, It is an exciting time to be in pharmacy and I will keep the consumer and their interests the priority. I think working for a chain that doesn't stress Pharmacy profit, but rather service for members, gives me an opportunity to act in the consumers best interest.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

- Fairness
- Experience as a retail, long term care, inpatient, and consultant pharmacist.
- Board certified in Ambulatory Care BCACP (less than 20 in Hawaii)
- Mentor, coach, teacher responsibilities
- increase efficiencies to allow more consumer/pharmacist interaction, thereby increasing safety.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service

- expansion of pharmacist role where appropriate
- recognition as providers
- decrease consumer harm from potentially dangerous practices.

- Increased efficiencies and decrease health care costs for consumer.
- Keeping Hawaii pharmacists as progressive as any other state in US

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

- Strive for continuous improvement, always learning and expanding knowledge of pharmacy practice.

Benefit= an active board member who cares about leaving things better than when first encountered.

- Strive for excellence, not happy just doing a job, have to excel in my position.
Benefit= a committed member that cares about the duties, the consumer, and the profession.

- Meticulous and detail oriented, while still seeing the big picture
Benefit= a fresh approach and new way of looking at issues with creative solutions.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

Opening and getting ready to open pharmacies for Wal-Mart ,

Opening Pharmerica on Kauai, from an empty shell to a licensed location.

Consulting and chart reviews, Federal surveys of LTC facilities that excelled and didn't receive any pharmacy F-tags. (all facilities served had zero pharmacy deficiencies)

-interacting with consumers on a daily basis for over 20 years provides insight as to what consumers want from their pharmacists. As well as understanding pharmacists pressures.

- meeting with County officials and immunizing the county workers with high risk exposure to preventable virus.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflict of interest in this potential position; If one should arise I would not have an issue recusing myself if needed.