

GM623: Alanna S Isobe

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

I was born and raised in Hawaii and moved back to Hawaii to raise my children. I would like to be a member of the State Board of Pharmacy to give back to the public and our profession. Public service helps to protect all of the residents of Hawaii. Pharmacy continues to evolve and change and there is still a lot of work to do. I hope to be granted the opportunity for a second term.

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

- 1. Public health and safety- this is the foremost responsibility of the Board. All decisions should be focused on keeping the public safe through rules and regulations.**
- 2. Understanding statutes, regulations, FDA, Controlled Substances Act.**
- 3. Granting licensure and understanding the examination process and development.**
- 4. Prepare for, attend, and participate in monthly meetings.**
- 5. Legislative support- provide legislature feedback from the Board on any bills that could affect pharmacy and public safety.**

(3) 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.

- 1. I consistently attend Board meetings and understand the roles and responsibilities of Board members, as well as the meeting procedures. I have completed my first term and am entering my 2nd year as chair of the Board.**
- 2. I graduated from pharmacy school in 1997 and have worked in many different capacities as a community pharmacist including pharmacy manager, pharmacy recruiter, and district pharmacy manager. These different roles have given me different skills, knowledge, and experiences that can help advise the Board in various situations.**
- 3. I currently work as a pharmacy manager in the community pharmacy setting. As a front line pharmacist, I am directly affected by the changes and rules and can provide first-hand experience to Board discussions.**
- 4. I worked with the Narcotics Enforcement Division on many issues and have an understanding of their role and working relationship with the Board and pharmacies.**
- 5. I worked with the Department of Health on various vaccination programs. I am the recipient of the American Pharmacist Association national Immunization Champion award in 2017 for my efforts with our Hepatitis A outbreak.**

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

I hope to help the profession of pharmacy maneuver the everchanging healthcare landscape and challenges safely. I can and offer insight from the community pharmacist perspective.

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

- 1. Leadership experience- I have many different experiences and enjoy the challenges in leadership roles.**
- 2. Detail-oriented- as most pharmacists, I appreciate details and strive for consistency and quality in all the work that I produce.**
- 3. Compassionate- I build relationships with my patients and truly care about their well-being. My priority is patients' care and the patients' needs.**

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
- 1. Communication- I have participated in, and led meetings, given countless presentations, and am comfortable speaking to different audiences as necessary. As pharmacists we are charged with communication between providers, patients, colleagues, management, and even law enforcement.**
 - 2. I have attended all board meetings in my first term and served as chair over the last year through virtual meetings.**
 - 3. Volunteerism- from a very young age, I have always donated my time to community service, whether it be key club projects in high school to various events with my children's school.**
- (7) 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 foresee how a possible conflict could arise if an issue comes from or against my employer, myself, or someone I know. In this case, or any case that there may be perceived conflict, I would disclose the conflict right away and ask to be excused if it is perceived or if I feel that I could not remain unbiased. I feel that I can remain neutral and hear both sides but also understand that it may not always be appropriate, should be disclosed, and can be perceived by the public as biased and in situations, I should ask to be excused.

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, February 18, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 623, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,
GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE, ALANNA ISOBE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, on behalf of James Skizewski, Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Alanna Isobe's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Ms. Isobe began serving her first term with the Board on July 1, 2018, and has attend all board meetings. One year into her tenure on the Board, Ms. Isobe was elected as the Board's Chairperson as members recognized her great leadership skills and ability to lead the Board through various issues.

Ms. Isobe has been licensed as a Hawaii pharmacist since October 2007. She is committed to her profession and to the Board. Her familiarity with the laws and rules regulating the practice of pharmacy in this State and at the federal level is commendable and allows her to participate in Board discussions pertaining to scope of practice issues.

Her experience in both retail and hospital settings further enhance her knowledge, making her an invaluable member for this Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

GM-623

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 10:03:46 AM

Testimony for CPN on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support appointment.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2022 8:50:20 PM

Testimony for CPN on 2/18/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Staci Fujikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senator Baker and members of the committee,

My name is Staci Fujikawa and I am writing in support of Alanna Isobe's appointment to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. I am the Director of Human Resources at 'Iolani School and we have been fortunate enough to partner with Alanna and Albertsons Companies over the course of the pandemic. Due to Alanna's efforts, 'Iolani was able to host over 15 COVID vaccination clinics on our campus for the Hawaii community. Without Alanna's work and coordination, this would not have been possible.

Alanna is a dedicated and caring pharmacist who works tirelessly to keep our community safe. She has a positive approach to everything she does and is truly inspiring. I've had the privilege of personally watching her work hours upon hours at our COVID clinics -- she exhibits patience and empathy to patients as young as 5 to those over 90, making them feel comfortable and cared for. Her knowledge and expertise are unmatched, but it's her heart and commitment that truly set her apart.

'Iolani has been fortunate to work with Alanna and I know she will continue to be a valuable member of the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this testimony. Please feel free to contact me at 808-943-2315 should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Staci Fujikawa

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 623
NOMINATION OF ALANNA ISOBE TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY
BY JARED REDULLA

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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

I am writing to you to express my support for the nomination of Alanna Isobe to the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy. I support Alanna's nomination for two important reasons.

First, I have known Alanna for more than ten years as she was the Hawaii pharmacy manager for all of the Safeway pharmacies in our State. Since that time, I have known Alanna to be one of the most professional pharmacists I have ever met. As the Safeway pharmacy manager, Alanna always went the extra mile to ensure that Safeway was always compliant with the law; while simultaneously providing high quality service to patients and customers. It was always a pleasure for me to work with her because I always knew that Safeway in Hawaii would always have their "act together" with Alanna at the helm. If the Committee supports Alanna's nomination, Alanna's hard work for the Board of Pharmacy is assured.

Second, and equally important, I have always known Alanna to be a professional who cares deeply about the practice of pharmacy and the future of the pharmacy industry in Hawaii. During the pandemic, Alanna was part of a team of pharmacists that went into the community to provide vaccinations to keiki and community members that needed access to vaccines. Moreover, Alanna has volunteered her time to the Board already and she continues to want to make a difference in her profession and her community. Alanna is an example of the high esteem that our community places in its pharmacists.

Finally, while I have appeared before you many times in my official capacity as a government official, I note that my testimony today is my own personal testimony and not that of my department.

For the reasons listed above, I respectfully request that the Committee support Alanna's nomination for the Board of Pharmacy. Our community will be well served with Alanna's work with the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

/S/ Jared K. Redulla

February 15, 2022

Dear Committee:

It is my privilege to write this letter in support of Alanna Isobe's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy. I have known Dr. Isobe for several years through precepting pharmacy students prior to serving with her on the Board of Pharmacy. We are both currently on the Board of Pharmacy.

Dr. Isobe has extensive experience and insight in the area of community pharmacy. She is able to share information on law and best practice. Her consistent direct contact with the patient and consumer make her perspective valuable.

As a Board of Pharmacy member, Dr. Isobe will continue to ensure public safety, access to care, and advancement of the pharmacy profession. I fully support Dr. Isobe's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheri Tokumaru', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sheri Tokumaru, Pharm.D., BCCCP

Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice

University of Hawaii at Hilo The Daniel Inouye College of Pharmacy



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DATE: February 15, 2022

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **GM623** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALANNA ISOBE, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Hearing Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I write in **strong support of** GM623, which nominates Alanna Isobe to serve on the Board of Pharmacy for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.

I have worked with Alanna on pharmacy matters for nearly 10 years. She is the current chair of the Board of Pharmacy and during this time I have observed her to have extensive working knowledge of the applicable laws and rules, interest in expanding community access to health care through pharmacies and ensuring patient safety. As an experienced, practicing pharmacist she also brings valuable knowledge and experience in the profession.

Alanna exhibits professionalism, commitment to her community, and dedication to moving the practice of pharmacy forward.

For these reasons I strongly support her reappointment to the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Yajima

Senator Rosalyn Baker and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

I am writing in support of the nomination of Alanna Isobe to the Board of Pharmacy.

I am a retired Supervisory Special Agent that worked for the State of Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED). I had the responsibility of overseeing the special investigations section that included pharmacy inspections and felony investigations of controlled substances under Chapter 329 of Hawaii Revised Statutes. As part of my duties, I was also assigned to attend the Board of Pharmacy meetings as a representative of NED.

I have conducted and overseen hundreds of pharmacy inspections and felony controlled substance investigations and have worked with Miss Isobe during those operations. She is professional and knowledgeable on all aspects of pharmacy operations and the laws that pertain to controlled substances. She is also very conscientious and has the highest ethical standards. Her leadership skills, experience, and critical thinking would continue to benefit the Board of Pharmacy. Her confirmation would benefit the health care community and the citizens of the State of Hawaii.

Dean Yamamoto

From: Heather Caryofilles <caryofil5@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:09 PM

To: baker4 - David <baker4@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Subject: Testimony for Alanna Isobe nomination

Please accept my highest recommendation for Alanna Isobe for the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy.

I have been trained by Alanna in 2 different settings in Colorado. Both in a retail setting and in a HMO setting. I have been in pharmacy for 28 years and Alanna's level of excellence is unparalleled.

She possesses both the tenacity to achieve the highest standards in all her employees and the desire to see the end goal achieved by getting her own hands dirty in the process. She is the only supervisor that I've ever worked with who does not believe that she is exempt from working weekends or evenings. Her philosophy has always been to help wherever needed. She is right there with her employees, no matter what needs to be done.

Alanna has an innate ability to inspire others to perform to the height of their ability, simply by working next to them. It is an anomaly to work with a supervisor who is both brilliant and dedicated to greatness, leading by example.

Perhaps the most distinguishing characteristic about Alanna, however, is that you would be hard pressed to find an employee of hers, past or present, who doesn't speak of her in the highest regard. She achieves greatness without undermining others.

Alanna is a delight to work with, for, or around. You will find her abilities in leadership, ingenuity, and work ethic to be unparalleled.

I could not recommend anyone higher for this position than Alanna Isobe.

Thank you for your time,
Heather Caryofilles, PharmD.
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