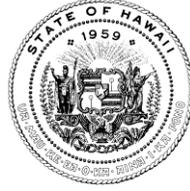


- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Pharmacy? To serve the pharmacy profession and represent the island of Kaua'i and the state of Hawai'i.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Pharmacy? To serve the pharmacy profession and facilitate policy and regulations to improve the practice of pharmacy in the state of Hawai'i.
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Pharmacy 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. Licensed and practiced pharmacy in Hawai'i from 1990 to present. Employed in retail and hospital pharmacy mostly in administrative roles. Served on the HPhA Board of Directors and Board of Pharmacy.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? Improve and elevate the profession of pharmacy in Hawai'i.
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Pharmacy. Experienced, organized and innovative.
- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Pharmacy member. Served on the board of pharmacy several years ago.
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Pharmacy? No How would you overcome conflicts of interest? N/A



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 608, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KENT KIKUCHI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Mr. Kent Kikuchi to the Board of Pharmacy (Board) as a licensee member.

Mr. Kikuchi has held a pharmacist license in Hawaii since August 13, 1990, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Mr. Kikuchi has more than 30 years' experience in pharmacy, including working the past 20 years with one of the State's largest healthcare providers: Wilcox Medical Center on Kauai. He currently serves as the directory of pharmacy, and he previously served as the director of ancillary services for seven years during his hospital tenure.

Mr. Kikuchi is no stranger to community service, as he spends time in various advisory roles and on the board of directors for different groups, including the Hawaii

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Pharmacist Association. Having previously served on the Board from 2005 to 2009, he appreciates and understands the commitment necessary to prepare for and attend the Board's monthly meetings.

Mr. Kikuchi's work experience and dedication to the Garden Isle will offer a meaningful perspective to the Board. In addition, his prior service and demonstrated commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:30 AM
Via Video Conference

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator, Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: **Testimony in Support of GM 608**
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy,
Gubernatorial Nominee Kent Kikuchi for a term to expire 06-30-2025

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations & Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

HPH writes in support of the confirmation of Kent Kikuchi to the Board of Pharmacy.

Kent is currently the Director of Pharmacy at Wilcox Medical Center and has been employed in the position for more than 20 years. He has served on the advisory board for the College of Pharmacy of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and is a member of the American Hospital Association and American Pharmaceutical Association. As a practicing pharmacist, Kent brings a wealth of knowledge to the Board of Pharmacy from the clinical and administrative perspectives. Having previously been appointed to the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Kent understands his role and responsibilities as a member of the Board.

HPH supports the nomination of Kent to the Board of Pharmacy and urges this committee to confirm his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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March 4, 2021

REPRESENTATIVE
JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Senator, District 6
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: RECOMMENDATION OF KENT KIKUCHI TO THE BOARD OF
PHARMACY

Dear Senator Baker,

The purpose of this letter is to highly and respectfully recommend Mr. Kent Kikuchi to once again serve on the Board of Pharmacy for the State of Hawaii. He served an appointment from 2005 to 2009.

On a personal note, Mr. Kikuchi took time off and stepped away from the Board in 2009 so that he could spend more time with his son, Kade, during his formative years while in elementary school. Kade is now a sophomore at the Kamehameha Schools, excelling in academics and is one of the top golfers on the school's team.

Mr. Kikuchi has served as the Director of Pharmacy for Wilcox Medical Center (part of Hawaii Pacific Health) since 2001 and simultaneously served as the Director of Ancillary Services from 2012 to 2019. Prior to this, he served as the Directors of Pharmacy for McKesson Medication Management from 1999 to 2001, and the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital (part of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation) from 1994 to 1999. From 1990 to 1994, Mr. Kikuchi worked as a Staff Pharmacist and Manager at Safeway in Kapaa.

Community service, engagement, and leadership are of great importance to Mr. Kikuchi as evidenced by his current and past memberships. He currently serves as a Member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the University of Hawaii Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, an Advisory Member for Pharmacy Industry for the State's Regulated Industry Complaints Office, and a Supervisory Member of the Gather Federal Credit Union. He previously served on the Boards of the Kauai Junior Golf Association from 2016 to 2018 and, from 2006 to 2012, the Hawaii Pharmacist Association, who recognized him as Pharmacist of the Year in 2005.

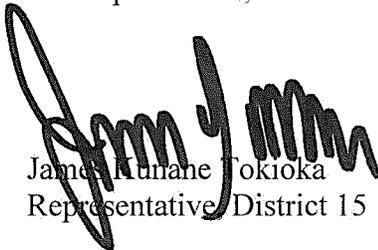
Office of Representative James Kunane Tokioka

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Mr. Kikuchi is a reliable, established, and dedicated hard worker who has extensive experience in the field of pharmacy. After completing pre-pharmacy studies at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, he earned a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from Washington State University in 1989 and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix in 2013. While at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, he was named the Athlete Scholar of the Year in 1985, and while earning his Bachelor degree, was named Student Pharmacist of the Year in 1989.

It is a great honor for me to recommend Mr. Kent Kikuchi to serve, for a second time, on the Board of Pharmacy. If you have any questions regarding this letter or need any further information, please call me at (808) 586-6270 or email at reptokioka@capitol.hawaii.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha pumehana,



James Kunane Tokioka
Representative District 15



The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania St. Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure and confidence that I provide a reference for Kent Kikuchi, an outstanding leader for membership on your Board of Pharmacy. I've known Kent for 27 years, first on a personal level and then in a professional capacity. In all the years I have known Kent, I found him to be exceptionally professional in all that he does.

He is an excellent communicator and is known for being someone who can be counted on to get to the root of issues, offering up real solutions. These traits along with his strong moral compass, are the reasons for his appointment to the Supervisory Committee of Gather Federal Credit Union. Gather Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union on Kauai and the 9th largest credit union in the State of Hawaii.

As a volunteer Supervisory Committee member, Kent supports the Board of Directors in the fulfillment of its oversight responsibilities for the following:

- Integrity of financial reporting
- Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements
- Appointment and supervision of independent auditors
- Performance of internal audit functions
- Evaluation of internal controls and operational risk management

In addition, the Supervisory Committee, in its fiduciary capacity, is charged with taking appropriate actions as specified in the Credit Union bylaws, to address situations threatening the financial soundness and safety of the Credit Union up to and including the removal of Directors.

Kent is highly respected. That, combined with the fact that he already possesses the type of experience that is required for a position of this nature, makes him an excellent fit for your organization. I believe that Kent has everything it takes to be a successful member of your Board. Kent Kikuchi would serve your organization well. He would bring with him, enthusiasm, knowledge, professionalism, sincerity, and integrity.

I am certain that the Board of Pharmacy will benefit significantly with a person of Kent's professional caliber and outstanding character on its board. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact me at 808-652-2132 or at tshimabukuro@gatherfcu.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tess Shimabukuro", is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

Tess Shimabukuro
President/CEO

March 2, 2021

Hawaii State Legislature
Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 230

Dear Honorable Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure and honor that I write this letter of strong recommendation on behalf of Kent K. Kikuchi to serve on the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. I have known Kent since his move to the island of Kauai some 30+ years ago. While his initial professional career began modestly as a pharmacist in the retail setting, I have seen over the years, his continued progression and advancement to that which is now classified as executive senior management with Kauai's flagship health care provider, Wilcox Memorial Hospital, and Hawaii's largest healthcare network, Hawaii Pacific Health.

Aside from his professional skills and experience, Kent's unique ability to collaborate and team build makes him a valuable asset in any organization, all the while maintaining a high degree of ethics and objectivity to the matters at hand.

Despite his professional success, Kent remains grounded in his values and relationships, giving back to the community, participating in various boards & commissions, non-profit organizations, and always displays humility and respect with all interactions.

It is for these reasons that I enthusiastically submit my letter of recommendation for Kent Kikuchi's service on the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,



Ken M. Shimonishi

Email: cnk_shimo@msn.com

Cell: 808-346-2348

March 2, 2021

Hawai'i State Legislature

Senator Rosalyn Baker

Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 230

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing to voice my support and recommendation for the appointment of Kent Kikuchi, RPh, MBA to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. I have known Kent for over 15 years, as a fellow Pharmacy Director at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH), so I have seen his dedication to the profession of Pharmacy both in and out of work.

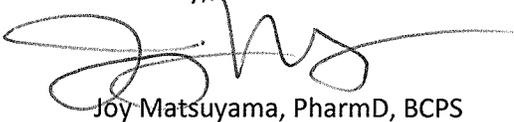
As Wilcox Medical Center's (WMC) Director of Pharmacy on Kaua'i, Kent has transformed Pharmacy services from what it was in 2001 into a state-of-the art department in 2021. WMC has implemented decentralized clinical pharmacy services, integrated UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy faculty into their department, and provides specialized oncology pharmacy services at their infusion center. WMC is utilizing the newest automated dispensing machines and recently renovated the Pharmacy to provide WMC patients with updated intravenous and hazardous drug compounding rooms used for sterile compounds administered to patients in the hospital, emergency room and infusion center.

Kent possesses strong leadership skills, which were recognized when he was asked to direct the departments of Imaging, Rehabilitation , Cardiac Services and Cardiac Rehabilitation along with inpatient and outpatient pharmacies and provide Imaging and Pharmacy support for Kaua'i Medical Clinic as the Director of Ancillary Services at WMC. He has shown that he can easily communicate and work well with people from multiple departments outside of the Pharmacy.

Kent has also been active in the local State Pharmacy Association, having previously served as the outer-island Board of Director on the Hawai'i Pharmacists Association (HPhA) Board of Directors and he is currently a member of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Dean's Advisory Council. The Dean's Advisory Council meets with the Dean biannually to discuss how the college can help the community pharmacy practitioners and practice. In 2013, Kent obtained his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix adding to his list of educational accomplishments. Kent is an accomplished golfer and has used his golfing talents to help run golf tournaments for the Hawai'i Pharmacists Association in the past and he has also been on the Board of Directors for the Kaua'i Junior Golf Association.

Finally, Kent is a hardworking, driven, focused, and smart pharmacist with a good sense of humor, who can readily engage with people from all walks of life and all professions and who's dedication to the pharmacy profession would make him a valued member on the Hawai'i State Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

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Joy Matsuyama, PharmD, BCPS