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In reply, please refer to:
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April 13, 2009

Dear Efreem Rensi:

Thank you for your letter from March 30, 2009. The Department of Health currently uses Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 12, Food Establishment Sanitation, to regulate the food service industry in Hawaii. You are correct in your assumption that there is no State of Hawaii, Department of Health rules requiring patrons of food establishments to wear shoes or any other footwear. The complete set of rules governing food establishments is available online at <http://gen.doh.hawaii.gov/sites/har/AdmRules1/11-12.pdf>.

The individual food establishments are allowed to enforce any dress code that they choose, and many fine dining or other establishments will enforce some type of footwear requirement for their patrons, and if not, they are usually responsive to direct comments from their customers.

If you have any questions, please call Peter Oshiro at 808-586-8000 or email at peter.oshiro@doh.hawaii.gov

Mahalo again for your interest in public health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex N. Mitsunaga". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rex N. Mitsunaga, Program Manager
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