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## [TEST] David's Cannery Tale

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Aloha,

While the last thing our campaign wanted to do is fill your inbox today, this article in Honolulu Magazine about David just hit the streets yesterday. It is about his days working at the Del Monte Cannery, and an enjoyable quick read!

**Enjoy. (And, please vote!)**

Keith Hiraoka  
 Campaign Manager

### DAVID IGE

*State senator, 57, gubernatorial candidate who defeated incumbent Neil Abercrombie in the primary. He worked at the Del Monte Cannery for five years, 1973-77, starting as a trimmer earning \$1.40 an hour in high school, and then working in quality control testing in summers home from college.*

I CHOSE DEL MONTE because I thought I could get more overtime, because they didn't go to three shifts, they only ran two shifts.

We always worked the night shift, the last shift, because it gave us the best opportunity for overtime. We volunteered to be part of the cleanup crews on the weekends.

Because it was a full-time job during the summer, we could make a lot of money. It allowed me to not have to work during the rest of the school year. I was obviously saving for college, university and spending money.

We would work until they laid us off, usually in late August. Be prompt and on time and not call in sick. We were reliable and they could count on us being available.

It was fun. It wasn't the most glamorous job but there were a lot of younger people working there. I chose to work at the cannery because it did allow me to work only during the summer. I was very active in student government, I was on the newswriting staff, the yearbook staff, I was playing tennis. You learn a lot of time management. Working at the cannery just allowed me to do more stuff at school and allowed me to be involved.

The thing that was remarkable, the pineapple canneries in Hawai'i really were amongst the leaders in the world, in terms of the technology. There were a lot of things that were developed that were the first of their kind in the world.

You do learn to eat quickly. Lunch was 30 minutes, exactly. The whistle would go off and you had to get to the cafeteria and get your food and eat. You had to be back at your station in 30

You met lots of people. It was kind of what teenagers did at the time.

HONOLULU Magazine included David Ige in the "Cannery Tales" November cover story describing what he learned working in a pineapple production factory in high school and college. He was among 15 people interviewed about the experience of working in the cannery as a rite of passage for generations of Island teens. This excerpt was reprinted with permission of HONOLULU Magazine. To read the full article, find the magazine on newsstands or purchase a digital edition online at [honolulumagazine.com](http://honolulumagazine.com).

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