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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, March 21, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, and Via Videoconference

On the following measure:
G.M. 704, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALLEN SHIH,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Allen Shih, PharmD, BCPS as a licensed member for the Board of Pharmacy (Board).

Currently serving as the Director of Pharmacy at Hilo Medical Center, Dr. Shih manages a team of 14 pharmacists and 12 pharmacy technicians, overseeing inpatient operations for a 167-bed community hospital and two critical access hospitals. He ensures compliance with Joint Commission standards, including USP 797, 800, and 825, and co-chairs the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Additionally, he manages the 340-bed program at Hilo Benioff Medical Center and Kau Hospital and oversees drug libraries for pumps.

In addition to his leadership role, Dr. Shih has been an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy since 2014. He lectures in Integrated Therapeutics courses, serves as a primary preceptor for APPE rotations, and contributes to several academic committees.

Dr. Shih's clinical experience spans inpatient pharmacy, critical care, emergency medicine, ambulatory care, and community pharmacy. His board certification as a Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) further underscores his clinical expertise.

Dr. Shih is also actively engaged in community service and professional development. He participates in initiatives like the ALOHA project, serves as a faculty advisor for Kappa Psi, and is involved in health fairs and immunization programs. He is also a member of professional organizations, including the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

Dr. Shih's background in pharmacy practice, education, and leadership makes him a highly qualified candidate for the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy. His appointment would bring valuable expertise to the board and contribute to the advancement of pharmacy practice in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D., MBA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the appointment of Allen Shih to the Board of Pharmacy. Mahalo

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To the honorable Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and members of the committee

Re: GM704 Allen Shih Nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy

It is my great honor to strongly support Dr. Allen Shih's nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Shih received his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and his Doctor of Pharmacy from University of Utah, College of Pharmacy. He is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

I have known Dr. Shih since 2014 and have worked with him extensively when he was a clinical faculty member at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. He is a highly competent faculty member and an outstanding colleague personally and professionally; and deeply cares about his students. In 2020, Dr. Shih moved to Hilo Benioff Medical Center to serve as the Director of Pharmacy. Dr. Shih possesses extensive experience and expertise in pharmacy education and practice, hospital pharmacy, and pharmacy management. I am confident that Dr. Shih will make a remarkable contribution to ensuring patient safety, advancing pharmacy profession, and Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. As such, I am writing to strongly support Dr. Allen Shih's nomination to the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,



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LATE

Testimony for GM704, Board of Pharmacy nominee, Dr. ALLEN Shih

I fully support nomination of Dr. Allen Shih for Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Shih has in experience community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy as staff and clinical practices, academia as instructor and clinical site preceptor, and in administration as a Director of Pharmacy. As a Director he is experienced in policy and regulatory agencies such as Joint Commission, 340B program, USP800, USP797, DEA and State NED. His experience and knowledge will provide great benefit to the Board of Pharmacy. Thank you