

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
1:00 P.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 2340, H.D. 1, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIONS**

Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Skizewski, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board appreciates the intent of and offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the use of a post office box number for the purpose of prescription delivery, so long as the physical location where an individual resides is on file with the dispensing pharmacy.

The Board appreciates the intent of this measure to allow post office boxes to be used for controlled substance prescriptions, as long as the physical address is on file with the dispensing pharmacy. This would save pharmacists time because they would not have to take the required steps to change the post office box number to a physical address.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Testimony of
Jonathan Ching
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Before:
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

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Re: HB 2340, HD1, Relating to Controlled Substances

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2340, HD1, which permits the utilization of post office boxes for controlled substance prescriptions by amending the definition of "address" under chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i SUPPORTS HB 2340, HD1 and requests an AMENDMENT.

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i is Hawai'i's largest integrated health system that provides care and coverage for approximately 265,000 members. Each day, more than 4,400 dedicated employees and more than 650 Hawai'i Permanente Medical Group physicians and providers come to work at Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i to care for our members at our 20 medical facilities, including Moanalua Medical Center, providing high-quality care for our members, and delivering on our commitment to improve the health of the 1.4 million people living in the communities we serve.

With high prescription volumes and patient care responsibilities, Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i regularly evaluates our pharmacy operations to ensure we eliminate waste and redundancy. **Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i supports HB 2340, HD1 because it increases workflow efficiencies by saving pharmacists time and making good use of technology, while maintaining safety and effective chain of custody of controlled substances.**

Currently, if a controlled substance prescription has a post office box address, before dispensing, pharmacists must 1) verify the patient's ID; 2) note the ID number on the prescription; 3) change the address. HB 2340, HD1 *permits* pharmacists to eliminate these steps *if* the physical address is already on file. The volume of prescriptions received with post office box addresses is significant, especially on the neighbor islands. Therefore, we believe HB 2340, HD1 would save pharmacist time and permits pharmacists to address other patient care responsibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.

HB-2340-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
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Comments:

In full support as written. Mahalo