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HARA Legislative Committee, Chair

FOR:

Committee on Health

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Senator Josh Green MD, Vive Chair

RE:

SB 429 Relating to Remote Dispensing Pharmacy

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2009

TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: RM. 229

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA). HARA represents over 21,000 retirees, members of numerous organizations and individuals. HARA is a chapter of the Alliance of Retired Americans (ARA), a national advocate for seniors and retirees with over three (3) million members.

HARA is in strong support of this proposed legislation.

This bill is very important for residents living in remote areas of our State that do not have pharmacies. For example, is my understanding that the Island of Lanai has no pharmacy. Imagine the hardship this creates for these residents. Telepharmacy as a dispensing pharmacy, would be wonderful for these consumers.