

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2056, H.D. 1, RELATING TO
PHARMACIST LICENSURE.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. HERKES, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Dr. Elwin Goo, Chair of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of the Board. The Board supports this bill that would allow the Board to recognize practical pharmacy experience for a pharmacist license, to include experience obtained in territories of the U.S. and the District of Columbia or at designated advanced practice locations under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Further, the Board supports the clarification of the service and experience requirement in the definition for "Practice of pharmacy" contained in section 461-1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2056, H.D. 1.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
February 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.
by

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HB 2056, HD1 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH) College of Pharmacy, thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2056, HD1. The education of future pharmacists and community leaders who will improve healthcare in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific Basin is a key mission of the College of Pharmacy. Beginning in May 2010, passage of this bill will enable fourth year student pharmacists who perform advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations in a United States territory or the District of Columbia to have those hours of practical experience count toward meeting the 1500 hours required for licensure as a pharmacist.

Passage of HB 2056, HD1 will encourage student pharmacists from the United States territories in the Pacific Basin such as American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands to enroll at UHH and the College of Pharmacy. This measure will provide opportunities for students to return for advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations and improve the level of healthcare in their home territories. Finally, this will expand the number of diverse practical experience rotations that the College of Pharmacy can offer to all its 85–90 fourth year student pharmacists.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Testimony of
Phyllis Dendle
Director of Government Relations

Before:
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

February 17, 2010
2:00 pm
Conference Room 325

HB 2056 HD1 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chair Herkes and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB2056 HD1 which broadens the opportunities for pharmacy students to get their practical experience.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill

Hawaii has experienced a shortage of pharmacists for several years. The addition of University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy to our state has the potential to improve the availability of pharmacists who want to practice in Hawaii. This bill expands their opportunities to get practical experience in a variety of settings in territories as well as other states. This may help the students to find more opportunities that could hasten the completion of their education. It also may be a real help to these additional territories who will get the benefit of the work of Hawaii's students.

We urge you to pass this bill and thank you for your consideration.



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Representative Robert Herkes, Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Wednesday, February 17, 2010; 2:00 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 325

RE: HB 2056 HD1 – Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

My name is Todd Inafuku with CVS Caremark/Longs Drugs (“Longs”), **testifying in support of HB 2056 HD1- Relating to Pharmacist Licensure**, which broadens the practical experience requirements for a pharmacist license to include experience obtained in U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. This bill removes the requirement that supervision must take place in a pharmacy and broadens the experience requirements to relate to the practice of pharmacy.

As a long-time provider of retail pharmacy services, Longs has supported the University of Hawaii Hilo School of Pharmacy since its inception and is a designated advance pharmacy practice location in Hawaii. While we look forward to providing advance pharmacy practice experiences to fourth year students in Hawaii, we also strongly support expanded opportunities in U.S. territories.

Longs supports this and other measures that will continue to provide the School of Pharmacy students with the best education opportunities as they complete their instruction and practice experience towards a degree in pharmacy. Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2056 HD1.

Written Testimony
House of Representatives
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
February 17, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Jessica Toyama
Class of 2011 President
College of Pharmacy, University of Hawai'i Hilo

Support for HB 2056 HD1, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Aloha members of the House Committee,

My name is Jessica Toyama and I am President of the inaugural Class of 2011 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. I was born and raised on the island of Oahu and I am in support of HB 2056 HD1. Some of my classmates had the privilege of spending a one-week rotation in American Samoa this past summer. They realized the need for knowledgeable pharmacists who are familiar and sensitive towards the Samoan culture. As the only college of pharmacy in the Pacific Basin, it is therefore our responsibility as pharmacists to provide this much needed health care.

Gaining practical experiences in the U.S. territories would bring us one step closer to diversifying ourselves as pharmacists and improving the future of health care in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.