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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 64
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

By

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House Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Friday, February 8, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 329

Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports the intent** of House Bill 64, which would delete the exemption requiring a pharmacist to directly dispense a controlled substance to a patient in a mail order prescription drug plan. Presently, pharmacists are authorized by Section 329-41(6) to obtain the initial registration information from the patient in a mail order prescription drug plan and prior to the controlled substance being dispensed. House Bill 64, if passed, would prohibit any controlled substances to be included in the mail order pharmacy prescription drug program. House Bill 64's intent is to reduce the possibility of misdirected controlled substance prescriptions by mail order pharmacies servicing Hawaii patients. However, we would like to point out there have been no reports made to the PSD's Narcotics Enforcement Division that controlled substance prescriptions are being lost or diverted from the patient utilizing the postal service or contract carriers. State and Federal law require all

persons or entities that dispense controlled substances to report all theft or loss controlled substances.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.