

**Testimony of
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on behalf of
Walgreens**

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TO: Representative Della Au Belatti
Chair, Committee on Health

Representative Henry J.C. Aquino
Chair, Committee on Public Safety
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RE: **S.B. 972 – Relating to Electronic Prescriptions**
Hearing Date: Friday, March 15, 2013 at 10:00 am
Conference Room 329

Dear Chairs Belatti, Aquino and Members of the Joint Committees,

We submit this testimony on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”).

Walgreens operates more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawai‘i, Walgreens now has 11 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawai‘i.

Walgreens **supports** S.B. 972, which amends the Uniform Controlled Substances Act in Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding definitions consistent with federal law, clarifying the conditions for electronic transmittal of prescriptions, and clarifying prohibited acts involving electronic prescriptions.

The measure would allow practitioners to electronically prescribe controlled substances and to convey the prescription directly to the pharmacy of the patient’s choice. It will also provide practitioners with a safer, more secure, and timely means to prescribe controlled substances in addition to the conventional means of prescribing controlled substances. Passage of this legislation will continue to move forward the acceptance of e-prescribing, thus improving patient care.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this measure.

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