

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 5, 2024
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 741, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SHERI TOKUMARU, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Skizewski, and I am the Executive for the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Tokumaru's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Ms. Tokumaru fully understands her role and the various responsibilities of being a member. She is currently serving on the Board and has attended thirty-five (35) of thirty-seven (37) meetings since she was appointed to the Board in 2019. Ms. Tokumaru is an essential member to a Board subcommittee focused on the future of the regulatory framework related to pharmacists and pharmacies.

She is familiar with the purpose of the Board and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Her current experience as a pharmacist and educator will serve to enhance her knowledge, making her an invaluable member for this Board. As a past member of the Board, Ms. Tokumaru is fully aware of the commitment required to serve and is willing to again contribute unselfishly.

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



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Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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By

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GM 741 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERI TOKUMARU, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 741. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports GM 741, for the consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERI TOKUMARU, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Dr. Tokumaru is a board-certified, critical care pharmacist in the Neurointensive Care Unit at The Queen's Medical Center on Oahu. She received extensive pharmacy training at highly competitive programs in Michigan, California and Kentucky. She subsequently worked in hospital intensive care units in San Diego and Chicago, and also served on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy.

In 2010, Dr. Tokumaru joined the faculty at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. She has served with distinction teaching advanced topics to Doctor of Pharmacy students, precepting pharmacy students on clinical rotations, and serving as the Director of Interprofessional Education for the college. She has also served as PGY2 Residency Program Director at The Queen's Medical Center to provide specialty training in critical care.

The high professional regard with which Dr. Tokumaru is held is reflected in her ongoing service on the Board of Pharmacy. In addition, she recently served as a member of an elite group of 12 professionals selected nationally to create medical guidelines related to her area of specialization. The resulting guidelines were published in a reputed medical journal, and received endorsements from many health professional organizations, including the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the American Academy of Neurology.

In summary, Dr. Tokumaru's recognized expertise in both pharmacy clinical practice and education, along with her professional experience serving on prestigious state and national working groups, make her well suited for serving on the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 741.

GM-741

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D., MBA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Sheri Tokumaru to the Board of Pharmacy. Mahalo

April 2, 2024

I write this letter in strong support of Dr. Sheri Tokumaru's nomination for the Hawaii State Board of Pharmacy. I have worked with Dr. Tokumaru at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy since 2016, and previously also had the privilege of learning from her while I was a pharmacy student. Dr. Tokumaru has extensive experience in pharmacy practice. Some of her related notable achievements include maintaining active board certification as a critical care pharmacist, national recognition as a clinical expert serving on interprofessional healthcare panels and working groups, and the recipient of the 2020 Pharmacist of the Year from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association. These experiences, along with her current experience serving on the Board of Pharmacy, make her an excellent candidate for continued service on the Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Tokumaru will be a strong asset to the Board of Pharmacy in ensuring patient safety and public access to healthcare.

I fully support Dr. Sheri Tokumaru's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2024
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Hearing on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Re: GM741 Sheri Tokumaru Nomination to the Board of Pharmacy

To the honorable Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and members of the committee,

It is my privilege to write this letter in strong support of Dr. Sheri Tokumaru's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy. I have known Dr. Tokumaru for 12 years, as a former student, colleague, and department chair.

Dr. Tokumaru is board certified in critical care pharmacy and serves as the Director of Interprofessional Education at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. She holds extensive expertise in pharmacy and interprofessional education, patient care, and pharmacy law as a current Board of Pharmacy member.

As a Pharmacy Board Member, Dr. Tokumaru will continue to ensure public safety, advancement of the pharmacy profession, and access to care. I fully support Dr. Tokumaru's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy.

Mahalo,



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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE GM741
NOMINATION OF SHERI TOKUMARU TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

April 2, 2024

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

It is my privilege to write this letter in strong support of Sheri Tokumaru's nomination to the Board of Pharmacy for her 2nd term. I have served on the board with Dr Tokumaru for the past 4 years of her current term. Sheri's perspective on the board of pharmacy is unique with her teaching role at the university as well as her acute critical pharmacy experience. Sheri always comes to meetings prepared for discussions and her knowledge of laws and rules make her a valuable member of our board.

Sheri exhibits professionalism and she is dedicated to moving the practice of pharmacy forward through her teaching at the university as well as her efforts through the board. The role of the board of pharmacy is to ensure public safety while supporting safe advancement of the pharmacy profession. I fully support Dr Tokumaru's reappointment to the Board of Pharmacy for her 2nd term and look forward to working with her for the last two years of my term.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

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