

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 72

H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 72, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require, beginning January 1, 2026, that:
  - (A) Pharmacy technicians be registered with the Board of Pharmacy; and
  - (B) Pharmacies only employ registered pharmacy technicians to perform pharmacy technician duties;
- (2) Impose a duty on pharmacists-in-charge to report violations conducted by registered pharmacy technicians; and
- (3) Specify that supervising registered pharmacists are responsible for the actions of registered pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Hawaii Pharmacists



Association; Walgreen Co.; KTA Pharmacy; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Pharmacy.

Your Committee finds that pharmacy technicians play an essential role in supporting pharmacists and ensuring the safe and efficient delivery of medications. Under the supervision of a pharmacist in the community setting, pharmacy technicians can fill and dispense medications, process insurance claims, and with additional training, administer vaccinations. In the hospital setting, pharmacy technicians are relied upon to support the compounding of intravenous medications and to stock medication cabinet and other medication delivery systems.

Your Committee further finds that Hawaii is the only state in the nation without an active and managed registry of practicing pharmacy technicians. This lack of oversight presents challenges in ensuring consistent training, competency, and accountability within the pharmacy technician workforce. As such, your Committee finds that the regulation of pharmacy technicians is reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the consumers of this State.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifically exempting this measure from the requirements for a sunrise analysis by the Office of the Auditor; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 72, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 72, H.D. 2.



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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



