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**HB513**

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Comments: Controlled Substance represent high risk medication should be regulated to reduce the possible consequence of these dangerous medications falling into the wrong hands. Retail pharmacies presently check identification and report the consignee of all controlled medications. Mail order pharmacies are able to circumvent this identification through a loophole in the law that allows delivery without identification or reporting. These dangerous medications can be left on doorsteps and represent a serious risk to our children and unauthorized residents that have not been instructed in their use. This bill would require mail order companies to obtain a signature at delivery.

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TO: Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Health

FR: Cynthia M. Laubacher, Senior Director, Government Affairs  
Express Scripts Holding Company

RE: HB 513: Controlled Substances  
Hearing Date: February 4, 2015 9 a.m.

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Express Scripts appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 513, which seeks to require signatures for all controlled substances at the time of delivery to the patient. Express Scripts manages the pharmacy benefit for over 90 million Americans.

As the PBM and mail service pharmacy for TRICARE, serving active and retired military, we ship medications, including controlled substances, around the world. We dispense medications from our mail service pharmacies solely to our insured members, patients known to us by way of their prescription drug benefit. We do not dispense medications to cash-paying customers. We require an adult signature for all Schedule II medications, which now includes the most commonly abused drug, Hydrocodone.

Our mail service pharmacies dispense an average of 75,000 prescriptions per day. In 2014, there were no reported lost shipments of opioids or Schedule II drugs from our St. Louis or Tempe pharmacies to our members residing in Hawaii. At the current rate of \$3.00 per package, adding a signature requirement for all controlled substances will serve only to increase prescription benefit costs for employers, union health trusts and other plan sponsors.

For these reasons, we request that HB 513 be held in committee. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

February 4, 2015  
Support for HB513

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Keri Oyadomari and I am a community pharmacist here in Honolulu. I would like to testify my support for HB513 – Relating to Controlled Substances. As a pharmacist in the community, safety remains one of our top concerns. HB513 focuses on the safety of the consumers by requiring a signature of the patient or authorized agent when delivering controlled substances by mail. It is too often that a package containing controlled substances is left at a doorstep or porch where it can either be opened by a child or intercepted by an unauthorized party. It is for the safety our patients and our community that controlled substances should require a signature upon receipt.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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## LATE TESTIMONY

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**RE: House Bill 513--OPPOSE**

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and Honorable Members of the Committee:

CVS Health opposes HB513 as it is unnecessary. CVS Health's mail-order prescription drug operations deliver millions of prescriptions in a safe and convenient manner annually throughout the United States. In this state, our Honolulu mail order operation delivers, on average, approximately 300,000 mail-order prescriptions to our patients residing in Hawaii annually. Of that number, less than 4,000 consist of controlled substances.

To the purpose of HB513, we believe that it is important to point out that, contrary to the preamble in the bill, CVS Health already requires signatures for all Schedule 2 (C-II) controlled substances shipped by mail. C-II's are the most powerful opioids and drugs identified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as having the highest potential for abuse or misuse, examples of C-II's include (but aren't limited to) common brand names such as: Oxycontin, Ritalin, Adderall, Percocet, Vicodin and their generic equivalents. These drugs are likewise never left unattended or with unknown persons. For other, Schedule 3, 4 and 5 (C-III, IV & V) drugs where a signature is not required, it is important to note that these prescriptions are also delivered safely and no controlled substances are ever shipped in packages that would indicate there are prescription drugs inside.

Regarding the safe delivery of prescriptions by mail, CVS Health had no (zero) controlled substances reported lost or stolen by mail in 2014 and 1 (one) reported lost or stolen in 2013 and that prescription was a C-II, which already requires a signature. If a patient were to report a mail-order prescription lost or stolen, CVS Health requires that a police report be filed and, if the drug happened to be a controlled substance that didn't require a signature, we would change the security procedures for that particular patient and require signature for delivery of that drug from that point forward.

We thank you for your consideration of our comments and ask that the Committee decline to pass HB513.

CVS Health is deeply committed to Hawaii, employing approximately 2800 colleagues in our more than 60 pharmacy and MinuteClinic locations throughout the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawai'i. We proudly operate as the largest pharmacy chain in Hawaii, under our Longs Drugs banner and we also offer our patients and clients a wide range of comprehensive, integrated pharmacy and health operations statewide including: Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) services (CVS/caremark), Specialty Pharmacy (CVS/specialty), Mail-Order and Retail Pharmacy (CVS/pharmacy/Longs Drugs), Retail Health Clinics (CVS/minute clinic) and a distribution center.

Respectfully,

Eric P. Douglas