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March 1, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1757 HD1 – Relating to Health

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 1757 HD1**. The bill authorizes a pharmacy to provide a customized patient medication package to any patient of an institutional facility or any member of the general public, subject to certain conditions.

Medication administration can be very complicated, especially when it involves multiple solid oral dosage forms. According to a report done in 2011 by the Centers for Disease Control, there was one death every 19 minutes due to unintentional drug overdose in the United States. Currently, in Hawaii, only individuals residing in an institution may receive medications that are in customized packaging for single dose, decreasing the chance of an unintentional medication overdose.

The Council appreciates the legislative changes in the measure by adding “patient’s guardian” to address situations where the patient is not their own guardian and therefore, would not be able to provide written or oral consent for a pharmacy to provide the customized patient medication packaging.

Customized patient medication packaging that is prepared by a pharmacist for a specific patient and that contains one or more prescribed solid oral dosage forms would enable individuals with DD who require personal assistance in taking their medication to become less dependent on their assistance. By having customized packaging, they could learn to take their medication independently with less risk of over dosage.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB 1757 HD1**.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator

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Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1757 HD1. Mahalo.

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February 29, 2016
Support for HB1757



Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Keri Oyadomari and I am a community pharmacist here in Honolulu, Hawaii. I would like to testify my support for HB1757. As a community pharmacist, I see a majority of our elderly patients on multiple medications. The confusion of knowing what to take and when to take it greatly impacts their ability to be compliant. We have already seen a multitude of our patients benefit from our existing customized patient medication package. This not only eases the burden on multiple medications for them but also their caregivers and families. This method of medication administration has been proven to save stakeholders involved money and also reduce large hospitalization costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Keri Oyadomari, PharmD

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Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Joo Kim and I am an active member of the pharmacy community, as well as manager of business development. I am writing to testify my support for HB1757. I work with caregivers and physicians on a daily basis, finding ways to improve their pharmacy experience and overall well-being through coordinating services for their patients. Customized patient medication packages help patients organize their medications as well as helps caregivers and family members care for their loved ones. This packaging helps patients remain compliant as well as be able to take control of their health while posing no cost to the patient. Meanwhile, it saves insurance providers money by reducing hospitalizations due to medication non-compliance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Joo Kim

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Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Derek Tengan and I am a pharmacist and small business owner here in Honolulu, Hawaii. I would like to testify my support for HB1757. As a business owner, I witness first-hand on a daily basis the positive impacts that customized patient medication packages have on our patients and our community. Assisting not only patients, but their caregivers and families with medication administration proves to improve patients' adherence and therefore overall well-being. In addition, it has proven to save insurances providers sums of money due to less hospital readmissions and better adherence to medication. Customized medication packages are no cost to patients or insurance providers, yet save both parties money in the long term.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Derek Tengan, PharmD

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We want the best outcome for our clients, who we consider part of our family. A sense of being part of a family is vital to any human being. Having the needed medication would ensure the best possible outcome for our clients.

For these reasons, we **support** HB 1757.

Very truly yours,

Norma Tan
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About AFHA

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