

HB 2056

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2056, H. D. 1, S.D. 1, RELATING TO
PHARMACIST LICENSURE.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Dr. Elwin Goo, Chair of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of the Board. The Board supports this bill that would allow the Board to recognize practical pharmacy experience for a pharmacist license, to include experience obtained in territories of the U.S. and the District of Columbia, or at designated advanced practice locations under the supervision of a registered or licensed pharmacist.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on House Bill No. 2056, H.D.1, S.D.1.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
March 23, 2010 at 9:45 a.m.
by

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HB 2056 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH) College of Pharmacy, thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2056 HD1 SD1. The education of future pharmacists and community leaders who will improve healthcare in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific Basin is a key mission of the College of Pharmacy. Beginning in May 2010, passage of this bill will enable fourth year student pharmacists who perform advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations in a United States territory or the District of Columbia to have those hours of practical experience count toward meeting the 1500 hours required for licensure as a pharmacist.

Passage of HB 2056 HD1 SD1 will encourage student pharmacists from the United States territories in the Pacific Basin such as American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands to enroll at UHH and the College of Pharmacy. This measure will provide opportunities for students to return for advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations and improve the level of healthcare in their home territories. Finally, this will expand the number of diverse practical experience rotations that the College of Pharmacy can offer to all its 85–90 fourth year student pharmacists.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Testimony of
Phyllis Dendle
Director of Government Relations

Before:
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

Decision Making:
March 23, 2010
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Conference Room 229

HB 2056 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chair Baker thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB2056 HD1 SD1 which broadens the opportunities for pharmacy students to get their practical experience.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill

Hawaii has experienced a shortage of pharmacists for several years. The addition of University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy to our state has the potential to improve the availability of pharmacists who want to practice in Hawaii. This bill expands their opportunities to get practical experience in a variety of settings in territories as well as other states. This may help the students to find more opportunities that could hasten the completion of their education. It also may be a real help to these additional territories who will get the benefit of the work of Hawaii's students.

We urge you to pass this bill and thank you for your consideration.



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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Tuesday, March 23, 2010; 9:45 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 229

RE: HB 2056 HD1 SD1 – Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and members of the Committee:

My name is Todd Inafuku with CVS Caremark/Longs Drugs (“Longs”), **testifying in support of HB 2056 HD1 SD1 - Relating to Pharmacist Licensure**, which broadens the practical experience requirements for a pharmacist license to include experience obtained in U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. This bill removes the requirement that supervision must take place in a pharmacy and broadens the experience requirements to relate to the practice of pharmacy.

As a long-time provider of retail pharmacy services, Longs has supported the University of Hawaii Hilo School of Pharmacy since its inception and is a designated advance pharmacy practice location in Hawaii. While we look forward to providing advance pharmacy practice experiences to fourth year students in Hawaii, we also strongly support expanded opportunities in U.S. territories.

Longs supports this and other measures that will continue to provide the School of Pharmacy students with the best education opportunities as they complete their instruction and practice experience towards a degree in pharmacy. Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2056 HD1 SD1.

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Comments:

Passage of HD2056 HD1 SD1 will enable UHH College of Pharmacy students starting their APPE (Advance Practice Pharmacy Experience) this summer in the Pacific Territories and our Nations Capitol to have those hours count toward their licensure.

Testimony presented before the
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Tuesday, March 23, 2010

By
Victor Lin
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HB2056 HD1, SD1– Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

To all respected members of the committees:

My name is Victor Lin, President of the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy Class of 2013, testifying in full support of HB2056 HD1, SD1 – Relating to Pharmacist Licensure. This bill is especially pertinent to me because I was born and raised on the island of Guam. My father has been a pharmacist on Guam for over 25 years, and I hope to one day follow in his footsteps.

As the only pharmacy school in the Pacific Basin, the vision of the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy is to educate and train professionals in providing quality healthcare not only in Hawai'i but also throughout the Pacific. It is crucial for students to gain firsthand experience working in these underserved communities. Not only will HB2056 HD1, SD1 allow students from the U.S. territories a chance to go home and serve, it will also provide new and different experiences for those students wishing to diversify their education. Furthermore, new opportunities for these students may arise. Establishing relationships with these communities can only be beneficial.

It would be terrific if I can, one day, intern back home. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

-Victor Lin