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Comments: TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1299 HD 1, RELATING TO CUSTOMIZED PATIENT MEDICATION PACKAGE TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE My name is Hiromi Saito, RPh, President of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association (HPhA). HPhA strongly supports this bill that will allow a pharmacy to provide customized patient medication packaging to any patient provided the pharmacy receives proper consent as required by this bill. Non-adherence to medication presents a major obstacle to the achievement of positive patient outcomes. A 2008 Medco Health Solutions Inc report noted that 51% of insured Americans were taking at least 1 medication for a chronic condition, but that as many as half of patients do not take the medications as prescribed according to some estimates. In 2009, the Network for Excellence in Health Innovation cited poor adherence as one of the "drug-related problems" responsible for up to 13% of total health care expenditures, or \$290 billion annually in unnecessary costs. (Marty Burstein, Compliance Packaging: One Way to Help the Medicine Go Down, Pharmacy Times (August 21, 2015). This bill will allow pharmacies to customize patient medication packaging which can possibly increase medication adherence. Increased medication adherence decreases the likelihood of disease progression, unnecessary hospitalization, unnecessary doctor and emergency room visits, which leads to decreased health care costs. For the reasons stated above, HPhA asks that this legislation passes intact from this committee. Hiromi Saito, RPh. President Hawaii Pharmacists Association PO BOX 22954 Honolulu, HI 96823

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