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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2445
RELATING TO ADVERTISING BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
AND DISCLOSURE OF CLINICAL TRIALS**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2445, which requires prescription drug ads to meet federal standards, public disclosure of clinical trial information, and drug manufacturers to pay fees to the Department of Health to fund a public education initiative on clinical trials and drug safety.

We believe this bill seeks to provide the consumer with information on clinical trials and to regulate advertisement of prescription drugs with the purpose of educating the public to make informed decisions about the medications they take. One concern, however, is that most consumers rely heavily on their physicians to prescribe medications for them. Consumers believe that their physicians have full knowledge about the medicines they are prescribing, which may or may not be an accurate assumption.

Nevertheless, if more information is available to the consumer and the physician, both stand a better chance of making informed choices. The ILWU, therefore, supports H.B. 2445 and urge its passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.