

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2390  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2390, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to broaden opportunities to fulfill the practical experience requirements for a pharmacist license by:

- (1) Allowing experience gained in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa to count toward licensure;
- (2) Expanding the types of service and experience that count toward licensure;
- (3) Allowing practical experience completed under a licensed pharmacist to count toward licensure; and
- (4) Removing the requirement that the service and experience required for licensure take place in a pharmacy.

This measure also provides a pharmacist with the authority to administer immunizations to children at least nine years of age



with parental consent and upon the Governor's determination of a public health necessity.

The University of Hawaii System, Longs Drugs, PHI Pharmacies, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The National Association of Chain Drug Stores supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Health opposed this bill. The Department of the Attorney General, Board of Pharmacy, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, and Walgreen Co., provided comments.

There is currently a severe shortage of qualified pharmacists in several United States territories in the Pacific Basin. Your Committee finds that broadening the opportunities to fulfill the practical experience requirements for pharmacist licensure may help alleviate this shortage by encouraging students from these areas to enroll at the College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo while also allowing them to return for advanced pharmacy practice experience rotations and improve the level of healthcare in their home territories.

Your Committee notes, however, that part II of the bill may fall outside of the scope of the bill's title, which may jeopardize its passage.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting part II of the bill, including provisions that provide a pharmacist with the authority to administer immunizations to children at least nine years of age with parental consent and upon the Governor's determination of a public health necessity; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2390, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2390, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



