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## **Legislative Testimony**

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Health  
January 29, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.  
by

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### **HB 2056 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE**

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto, 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. 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 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.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Friday, January 29, 2010  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2056, RELATING TO PHARMACIST  
LICENSURE.**

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, 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 with amendments to qualify the intent of the bill.

This bill 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" pharmacist and clarifies the service and experience requirement as the "Practice of pharmacy" defined under section 461-1.

Consequently, we respectfully request that the committee amend this bill for clarification as follows:

Section 461-5 (a) "Any applicant for a license as a pharmacist shall submit an application on a form prescribed by the board and shall provide evidence to the board that the applicant:

- (1) Is at least eighteen years of age;
- (2) Holds a degree from a school or college of pharmacy or department in a university which is recognized and accredited by the American Council of Pharmaceutical Education;
- (3) Has a minimum of fifteen hundred hours practical experience in any state or territory of the United States ~~[in a pharmacy]~~, or the District of Columbia, under the supervision of a registered pharmacist in that domicile. Service and experience ~~[in a pharmacy]~~ under the supervision of a registered pharmacist as required in this section shall be predominantly related to the ~~[selling of drugs, compounding prescriptions, preparing pharmaceutical preparations, and keeping records and making reports required under state and federal statutes.]~~ practice of pharmacy as defined under section 461-1. In the event an applicant has no practical experience as required, the applicant may take the examination and upon passing the examination, shall not receive a license until after the fulfillment of the practical experience requirement;
- (4) Has passed an examination as may be prescribed by the board;  
and
- (5) Does not have an encumbered license or a pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint in the practice of pharmacy in any

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state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or  
if any license has been or is encumbered, the applicant shall  
provide all information requested by the board.”

We believe that these amendments would effectuate the intent of this bill  
by allowing a pharmacist who is appropriately licensed in other locations to  
supervise pharmacy students obtaining the practical experience towards a  
Hawaii pharmacist license.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2056.



Hawaii District Office: 2270 Hoonee Place, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair  
House Committee on Health

Friday, January 29, 2010; 9:30 a.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 329

**RE: HB 2056 – Relating to Pharmacist Licensure**

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee:

My name is Todd Inafuku with CVS Caremark/Longs Drugs (“Longs”), **testifying in support of HB 2056 - Relating to Pharmacist Licensure**, which will allow the Board of Pharmacy to accept for licensure the practical experience hours earned by a student at the University of Hawaii Hilo School of Pharmacy in the territories of the United States and the District of Columbia while under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

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 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.

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**From:** Cindy M Trinh [cmtrinh@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2010 8:48 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2056 testimony

Cindy Trinh  
University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, 2nd Year Student  
Friday, January 29, 2010  
9:30 am  
HB 2056  
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Rep. Ryan I. Yamane  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto,

I am a student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. I support this bill because it will broaden my pharmacy experience and give me additional skills that I can bring into my practice after I graduate. I ask that you also support this bill because it will benefit the students at our college of pharmacy.

Thank you,  
Cindy Trinh

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**From:** Irene Chiu [ichiu02@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2010 3:56 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB2056 to Committee on Health

Hi, I am in support of HB2056 Relating to Pharmacist Licensure. Though hours I have obtained thus far has met the requirements, I believe this bill will improve the quality of my college's pharmacy program at University of Hawaii-Hilo. By broadening our practical experience into other areas, it does not only help us obtain hours for graduation and our license, but it gives us the opportunities to also gain life experiences by working in different places, and learning about the different cultures.

Thank you,

Irene Chiu, 2nd yr pharmacy student at UH-Hilo (c/o 2012)

to Committee on Health, HB2056,  
Friday January 29, 2010, 9:30 am

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** bniimi@hawaii.edu  
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Testimony for HLT 1/29/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2056

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**Comments:**

I am a student at the Hilo college of pharmacy and I support this bill.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Comments:  
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January 27, 2010

The Honorable Jerry Chang  
415 South Beretania St  
Honolulu, HI, 96813

RE: In support of HB2056

Dear Mr. Chang,

I am a second year student in the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am writing to urge the state legislature to support House Bill 2056. Having exposure to various pharmacy practice settings will help me gain experience in more specialized areas of pharmacy and give me a competitive edge when entering the work force.

It will help the general public to have pharmacy students that have had specialized training the non-traditional pharmacy sites offer. Anti-coagulation and oncology clinics are examples of the type of sites that do not count towards intern hours required for students to earn their license. Furthermore, allowing pharmacy students to earn intern hours in territories may help underserved communities attract and retain health care professionals.

Thank you for your attention

Sincerely,  
Gena Pini

Aloha and Hafa Adai! My name is Alexandra Perez and I am a second year pharmacy student at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am writing in support of HB2056, relating to pharmacist licensure to extend practical experience to the U.S. territories and Washington D.C. Being a native Chamorro from the island of Guam, I cannot stress how important the passage of this bill is to me and my fellow Guamanian students, who came to the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy to pursue their dreams of becoming a licensed pharmacist.

Although Guam is a small island with a modest population, it is an island rich with cultural pride, hospitality and humble people, much like Hawaii. I left Guam 11 years ago to pursue my education, but it was always my plan to return home. I came to the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy with the intent to return to Guam as a licensed pharmacist and to give back to the community that shaped the individual I am today. It is extremely important to me that I have the ability to return to Guam as a pharmacy intern, before I graduate from pharmacy school. Allowing me to gather practical experience on Guam as a student intern will allow me to establish my roots in the medical community and give me prepare me for my career when I return home to practice. I also feel that Guam, along with the other U.S. territories, have diverse and unique populations, ones that students can benefit from, being exposed to different cultures and different environments.

I ask that your consideration be given to this bill, which is so important to our current and future Guamanian pharmacy students. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo and Si Yu'us Ma'ase!

Alexandra M. Perez

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Committee on Health

University of Hawaii College of Pharmacy at Hilo

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Support for HB 2056 Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Hi, my name is Tilden-Christen Miguel. I'm a Pharm. D candidate c/o 2012 at the University of Hawaii College of Pharmacy at Hilo. Having HB2056 will enable me, my fellow UHCOP students and future students of UHCOP to have an opportunity to expand our education and experience of pharmacy practice in these unique geographical and multicultural areas as we gain required intern hours for licensure from the State of Hawaii Board of Pharmacy. Please support HB 2056. I thank you all your time and effort, and your unwavering continued support of the UHCOP.

Written Testimony  
House Committee on Health  
January 29, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Jessica Toyama  
Class of 2011 President  
College of Pharmacy, University of Hawai'i Hilo

**Support for HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure**

Aloha members of the House Committee on Health,

My name is Jessica Toyama and I am President of the inaugural Class of 2011 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. I was born and raised on the island of Oahu and I am in support of HB 2056. Some of my classmates had the privilege of spending a one-week rotation in American Samoa this past summer. They realized the need for knowledgeable pharmacists who are familiar and sensitive towards the Samoan culture. As the only college of pharmacy in the Pacific Rim, it is therefore our responsibility as pharmacists to provide this much needed health care.

Gaining practical experiences in the U.S. territories would bring us one step closer to diversifying ourselves as pharmacists and improving the future of health care in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

HLT,CPC

Candice Carbaugh, UHH CoP Graduating Class of 2012.

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Support for HB2056, RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE.

Please support HB 2056.

Thank you.

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**From:** kechat@gmail.com on behalf of Kels [katebara@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 8:58 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2056 Testimony

Health Committee,

I'm a second year pharmacy student at UHH and am writing in support of HB2056.

Kelsey Atebara

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**From:** Wendy Yamasaki-Herring [wendyyam@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 8:31 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2056 testimony

Wendy A. Yamasaki-Herring, Pharmacy Student, University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Pharmacy;  
Committee on Health;  
Friday, January 29, 2010, 9:30 am;  
HB2056 - RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE;  
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**Testimony follows:**

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Wendy Yamasaki-Herring, Pharmacy Student, University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Pharmacy  
[wendyyam@hawaii.edu](mailto:wendyyam@hawaii.edu)

Friday, January 29, 2010, 9:30 am

Support for H.B. No. 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

My name is Wendy Yamasaki-Herring and I am a student at the new College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I support this bill because I feel that expanding the sites at which students may earn intern hours will ultimately benefit the communities, territories and populations that these sites serve. Studying the field of pharmacy in such a unique location as Hilo, I have come to appreciate healthcare professionals that reach out to the underserved regions on this island. Passing this bill would pave the road for students to bring their services to other such areas, as well as gain experience in specialized settings not previously recognized by the State of Hawaii. I thank the committee for this opportunity to express my support.



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**From:** tanyam928@gmail.com on behalf of Tanya Moore [tanya4@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 8:30 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB2056 to Committee on Health

I am in support of this bill. It will improve the quality of the pharmacy program UH Hilo in expanding the student's opportunities to gain experience in a wider variety of areas and count those hours towards graduation and licensure.

Thank you,

Tanya Moore, 2nd yr pharmacy student at UH-Hilo

to Committee on Health, HB2056,  
Friday January 29, 2010, 9:30 am

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**From:** habeansha@gmail.com on behalf of Jacob [jkblair@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 7:47 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 2056

Please support HB 2056

-Jacob Blair

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**From:** Meghan Mitchell [meghan7@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 7:38 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2056

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Meghan Mitchell and I am currently in the second pharmacy class to ever go through pharmacy school in the state of Hawaii. The house bill 2056 would be of great help to all 270 students currently studying to become a pharmacist, and the many more students to come into this program. I strongly support this bill.

Meghan Mitchell  
PharmD Candidate Class of 2012

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**From:** Catherine Fadrowsky [cathyjof@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 7:28 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Catherine Fadrowsky, Pharmacy Student, UH Hilo College of Pharmacy

Friday, January 29, 2010

Support for HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

I strongly support HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure, which would allow students who perform their rotations in any setting where pharmacists actually practice in one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories, and under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, to receive credit that counts towards their licensure requirements. Support of this bill is imperative to the advancement of the practice of pharmacy in the State of Hawaii. I urge the committee to support HB 2056. Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for your immediate attention to this matter.

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**From:** Amber Laird [afaye@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 7:00 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** In support of HB2056

Aloha Representatives Yamane and Nishimoto,

I am writing to ask that you please support HB 2056 relating to pharmacist licensure. I am a student at University of Hawaii College of Pharmacy and I feel it is important that we as students are able to complete some of our rotations outside of the traditional pharmacy setting. Advanced pharmacy practice experiences in clinical settings is an imperative part of our training and will better prepare us for our future roles as professional pharmacists.

Thank you,  
Amber Laird

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**From:** Catherine Fadrowsky [cathyjof@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 6:56 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Catherine Fadrowsky, Pharmacy Student, UH Hilo College of Pharmacy

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Support for HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

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**From:** Susan Kang [susanjkang@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 6:51 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** In regards to HB2056 relating to pharmacist licensure

To whom it may concern:

My name is Susan Kang and I am a 2nd year pharmacy student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. I'm writing to express my support for HB2056. It will give pharmacy students the option to gain valuable experience in U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Susan Kang

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Committee on Health

Lauren Ruffino, PharmD Candidate 2012, University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Pharmacy

Hearing: Friday, January 29, 2010 9:30am

Support for HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure.

With a greater focus on health care teams to improve overall health care, pharmacists now have the opportunity to work in settings that were not an option before. By supporting this bill, we are supporting the experience that will allow pharmacists to excel in these positions, and in turn we are supporting the advancement of health care. Many of my peers intend on having careers in clinical pharmacy, and other settings that are not licensed as pharmacies. If this bill is not passed, the amount of experience the students at UHH COP will be able to achieve will be very limited and our students won't be able to compete for positions in those settings. It is very important to me, and all future pharmacists of Hawaii that you support HB2056.



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**From:** Bernie Cheng [bernie@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010 4:49 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Support of HB 2056 on Friday 1/29/2010

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Bernie Cheng, Second-Year Pharmacy Student at UH Hilo College of Pharmacy

Friday, January 29, 2010 9:30 AM

Support for HB 2056, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

My name is Bernie Cheng, and I am a second-year student at UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I believe that it is important for pharmacy students to be able to gain experiences in different practice settings and accrue pharmacy intern hours toward licensure at the same time.

Please support this bill to broaden the experience requirements to relate to the practice of pharmacy. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.