

HB 2056

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

AND

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
2:25 p.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

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 Section 3. 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 or licensed pharmacist.

At its February 18, 2010 meeting, the Board considered both this bill and the companion bill, Senate Bill No. 2390, S.D. 2, which was heard by the Senate Committees on Health and Higher Education. The Committees clarified the language requiring that the supervising pharmacist supervising the practical experience be duly registered or licensed in the state, territory or district where

the experience is obtained. The Board prefers the language in the companion bill, Senate Bill No. 2390, S.D. 2 as it more clearly clarifies the registration or license status of the supervising pharmacist.

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

In Section 3 of the bill, Section 461-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

- (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.]~~ **who is duly registered or licensed in the state, territory, or district where the experience is obtained.** 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]~~ applicant fulfills 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 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, H.D. 1.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health and
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 10, 2010 at 2:25 p.m.
by

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HB 2056 HD 1 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chairs Ige and Tokuda, Vice Chairs Green and Sakamoto and Members of the
Committees:

On behalf of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH) College of Pharmacy, thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2056 HD 1 with amendments. 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.

The UHH College of Pharmacy prefers the language in SB 2390 SD2, passed by your Committees last month and respectfully requests adoption of that version. These technical changes improve the clarity and accuracy of the bill with no substantive affect.

Passage of HB 2056 HD 1 with the recommended amendments 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 Health
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair
and
Senate Committee on Higher Education
The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Vice Chair

March 10, 2010
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Conference Room 016

HB 2056 HD1 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chair Ige, Chair Tokuda and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB2056 HD1 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 David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Higher Education

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Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 016

RE: HB 2056 HD1 – Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Chairs Ige and Tokuda, Vice Chairs Green and Sakamoto, and members of the Committees:

My name is Todd Inafuku with CVS Caremark/Longs Drugs (“Longs”), **testifying in support of HB 2056 HD1- 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.

Testimony presented before the
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Wednesday, March 10, 2010

By
Victor Lin
President, Class of 2013
College of Pharmacy, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

HB 2056 HD 1 – 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 HB 2056 HD 1– 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 HB 2056 HD 1 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

Written Testimony
Senate Committee on Health
Senate Committee on Higher Education
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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 Senate Committee,

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 Basin, 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 Basin.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.