



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Health  
March 12, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.  
by

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### **SB2390 SD2 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 SB 2390 SD2. 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 SB 2390 SD2 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 Government Relations

Before:  
House Committee on Health  
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

March 12, 2010  
9:30 am  
Conference Room 329

**SB 2390 SD2            RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE**

Chair Yamane and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB2390 SD2 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.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Friday, March 12, 2010  
9:30 a.m.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2390, S.D. 2, 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 written comments on behalf of the Board. We support this bill that 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 and at designated advanced practice locations under the supervision of a registered pharmacist.

The Board also supported the companion bill, House Bill No. 2056, H.D. 1, which was heard on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 by the Senate Committees on Health and Higher Education. The Board submitted testimony supporting that bill with amendments, taken from Senate Bill No. 2390, S.D. 2, to clarify the language requiring that the supervising pharmacist for the practical experience be "duly registered or licensed in the state, territory or district where the experience is obtained." This amendment would make both bills similar with the exception of minor non-substantive differences.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill No. 2390, S. D. 2.

To the members of the Senate Committee

My name is Alexandra M. Perez and I am a pharmacy student with the University of Hawaii-Hilo College of Pharmacy class of 2012. I am testifying to **support SB 2390-Relating to Pharmacy Licensure**. Having been born and raised on the island of Guam, this bill is of the utmost importance to me. Because of the lack of educational opportunities on our island I had to move to the mainland to pursue a graduate education. Armed with the knowledge and invaluable experience I would acquire from the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy, it is my intention to return home to Guam to make a difference in the lives of my fellow Guamanians. This bill will allow many of us to earn practical experience hours in the U.S. territories like the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands. It will allow me to return home before I graduate and to begin developing the skills necessary to treat such a diverse group of patients. This will also give us an opportunity to diversify our education and go to areas in need of help. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Alexandra M. Perez  
PharmD candidate 2012  
University of Hawaii-Hilo College of Pharmacy



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Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair  
House Committee on Health

Friday, March 12, 2010; 9:30 a.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 329

**RE: SB 2390 SD2 - 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 SB 2390 SD2 - 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 SB 2390 SD2.

Aloha,

My name is Marisa Kellett and I am the class president of the c/o 2012 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in support of bill (SB2390 SD2) as I think it would greatly help not only my own pursuit of education but that of my classmates as well. I believe that through the experiences we can gain abroad, we will ultimately development into a knowledgeable, quality, unique, and thus valuable healthcare provider. Mahalo for your time, consideration, and hard work.

Sincerely, Marisa Kellett

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Please support SB 2390 SD 2

-Jacob Blair

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Regards,

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My name is Irene Chaisri, pharmacy student with the University of Hawaii-Hilo College of Pharmacy class of 2012. I am testifying to **support SB 2390-Relating to Pharmacy Licensure**. This will allow many of us to earn practical experience hours in the U.S. territories like the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands. This will also give us an opportunity to diversify our education and go to areas in need of help.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Irene Chaisri

PharmD candidate 2012

University of Hawaii-Hilo College of Pharmacy



To the members of the Senate Committee

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Irene Chaisri  
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