

SB 2390

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010**

**Friday, February 19, 2010
9:15 a.m.**

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2390, S.D. 1, RELATING TO
PHARMACIST LICENSURE.**

**TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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 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 or at designated advanced practice locations under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Further, the Board supports the clarification of the service and experience requirement in the definition for "Practice of pharmacy" contained in section 461-1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2390, S.D. 1.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
February 19, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.
by

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SB 2390, SD1 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige 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, SD1. 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, SD1 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.



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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Friday, February 19, 2010; 9:15 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 229

RE: SB 2390 SD1 - Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige, and members of the Committee:

My name is Todd Inafuku with CVS Caremark/Longs Drugs ("Longs"), **testifying in support of SB 2390 SD1 - 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 SD1.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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LICENSURE.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bruce Cohen and I am Vice President of PHI Pharmacies located on the island of Saipan in the Northern Marianas Islands. I want to thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of Senate Bill No. 2390. This bill is to broaden the practical experience requirements for a pharmacist license to include experience obtained in the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia and removes the requirement that supervision must take place in a pharmacy within the state of Hawaii. This bill also broadens the experience requirements to relate to the practice of pharmacy.

The Northern Marianas suffers from a severe shortage of qualified pharmacists. We have shortages of qualified pharmacists at every level of pharmacy especially in acute and community care. Having students from the University of Hilo intern in Saipan will assist in alleviating this shortage.

Therefore I respectfully support the amendment to Section 461-1 to appropriately insert and to read as follows:

“Territory” means Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam or American Samoa.”

I also strongly support the addition to Section 461-5 paragraph 3 to read:

“Has a minimum of fifteen hundred hours practical experience in any state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, under the supervision of a pharmacist who is duly registered or licensed in the state, territory, or district where the experience is obtained.”

Respectfully submitted

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Written Testimony
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
February 19, 2010, 9:15 a.m.

Jessica Toyama
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Support for SB 2390, 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 SB 2390. 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.

Testimony presented before the
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
February 19, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.

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

SB2390 SD1 – Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

To Senator Baker - Chair, Senator Ige - Vice Chair, and other members of the committee:

My name is Victor Lin, President of the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy Class of 2013, testifying in full support of SB2390 SD1 – 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 SB2390 SD1 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 diversity 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

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Comments:

I am very gratified that committee recognizes that the education and training of a pharmacist can extend beyond the borders of our state into the U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia.

The committee also recognizes that the Practice of Pharmacy reaches out beyond the walls of a licensed pharmacy.