

SB2390

**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, February 3, 2010
2:45 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2390, 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 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 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 Senate Bill No. 2390.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health and
Senate Committee on Higher Education
February 3, 2010 at 2:45 p.m.

by

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SB 2390 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 SB 2390. 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 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

February 3, 2010
2:45 pm
Conference Room 016

SB 2390 RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

Chair Ige, Chair Tokuda and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2390 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

Wednesday, February 3, 2010; 2:45 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 016

RE: SB 2390 - 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 SB 2390 - 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.

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Comments:

The University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy will improve health in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific Basin. They are presently educating future pharmacist and community leaders. Passage of SB2390 will enable their students from the Pacific Basin to meet the practical experience hours requirement toward licensure in their home regions while rotating through their advanced pharmacy practice experience.

Written Testimony
Senate Committee on Health
Senate Committee on Higher Education
February 3, 2010, 2:45 p.m.

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

Support for SB 2390, Relating to Pharmacist Licensure

Aloha members of the Senate Committees,

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.

Aloha,

My name is Marisa Kellett and I am currently the class president of the c/o 2012 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am in support of this bill (SB2390) as I think it would greatly help in my pursuit of education and ultimately development into a quality healthcare provider. It is my belief that the greater the pool from which we can gain experience and knowledge, the better and more qualified we will be as pharmacists. Mahalo for your time, consideration, and hard work.

Sincerely, Marisa Kellett

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Comments:

Several of our students from Guam are attending pharmacy school in Hawaii. Some of them would like to do their internship in Guam. It would be nice to allow them and others to be able to have their internship hours be counted toward the 1500 requirement by Hawaii's Board of Pharmacy. We have many qualified sites in Guam that can definitely provide very rewarding and educational internship experiences to the pharmacy students. Rest assured, the Guam Board of Pharmacy, a member of NABP regulates the Guam pharmacies with a level of standard that would definitely provide the utmost experience to this the students.

Sincerely,
Karen Song, RPh.
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