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Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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Re: SB2810 RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on SB2810. Continuity of care and ongoing, timely communication between the pharmacist and the patient's primary care provider are integral pieces to the successful implementation of this legislation. Therefore, we recommend amending the measure as follows:

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Upon recognizing any of the above, a pharmacist shall take appropriate steps to avoid or resolve the problem which ~~may~~ shall include consultation with the qualified patient's health care providers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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