

# HB1965

Measure Title: RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PHARMACISTS.  
 Report Title: Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists  
 Description: Clarifies the continuing education requirement for pharmacists.  
 Companion:  
 Package: None  
 Current Referral: CPN  
 Introducer(s): YAMANE

<u>Sort by</u> <u>Date</u>		<b>Status Text</b>
1/17/2012	H	Prefiled
1/18/2012	H	Introduced and Pass First Reading.
1/19/2012	H	Referred to HLT, CPC, referral sheet 2
1/24/2012	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by HLT on Friday, 01-27-12 9:00AM in House conference room 329.
1/27/2012	H	The committees on HLT recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 9 Ayes: Representative(s) Yamane, Morikawa, Belatti, Hanohano, Jordan, C. Lee, Mizuno, Ching, Pine; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Wooley.
2/3/2012	H	Reported from HLT (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 74-12), recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to CPC.
2/3/2012	H	Passed Second Reading and referred to the committee(s) on CPC with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Awana excused (1).
2/16/2012	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by CPC on Wednesday, 02-22-12 2:00PM in House conference room 325.
2/22/2012	H	The committees on CPC recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 14 Ayes: Representative(s) Herkes, Yamane, Brower, Cabanilla, Carroll, Ito, Keith-Agaran, Luke, McKelvey, Souki, Tsuji, Ching, Marumoto, Thielen; Ayes with

		reservations: none; Noes: none; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Coffman.
3/1/2012	H	Reported from CPC (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 665-12), recommending passage on Third Reading.
3/1/2012	H	Passed Third Reading with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Herkes excused (1). Transmitted to Senate.
3/2/2012	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 26).
3/2/2012	S	Passed First Reading.
3/8/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/14/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-29-12 9:00AM in conference room 229.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND  
CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2012

Thursday, March 29, 2012  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1965, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION  
FOR PHARMACISTS.**

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

My name is Todd Inafuku, member of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"), Chair of the Board's Laws and Rules Committee. I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1965, Relating to Continuing Education for Pharmacists. The Board supports this bill which proposes to amend the definition for "Continuing education courses" under Chapter 461, HRS, by clarifying the name of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education ("ACPE") and to delete reference to "continuing medical education courses that serve to improve patient safety and to maintain quality national standards in the prevention of medical errors."

ACPE is the recognized national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing education. ACPE's Continuing Education Provider Program is designed to assure pharmacists of the quality of continuing pharmacy education programs that:

- Promote the quality of continuing pharmacy education, thereby assisting in the advancement of the practice of pharmacy;

- Provide pharmacists with a dependable basis for selecting accredited continuing education; and
- Provide a basis for uniform acceptance of continuing education credits among the states.

Furthermore, the ACPE has collaborated with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and the American Nurses Credentialing Center Accreditation Program in offering "joint accreditation" of continuing education courses that improves patient care and at the same time streamlines the accreditation process. The goal of this "joint accreditation" is to support healthcare team-focused education. As a result, continuing medical education courses are already ACPE accredited through this program.

Consequently, recognizing ACPE accredited continuing education courses will ensure that pharmacists receive continuing education that will assist in the advancement of the practice of pharmacy and to promote patient safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1965.

Testimony of  
Phyllis Dendle  
Director of Government Relations

Before:  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

March 29, 2012  
9:00 am  
Conference Room 229

**HB 1965 RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PHARMACISTS**

Chair Baker and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1965 which amends the law to designate what continuing education counts toward the licensure requirement for pharmacists in Hawaii.

**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill.**

The proposed amendment removes uncertainty about what courses qualify to meet the continuing education requirement by removing the obligation of the Board of Pharmacy to consider for approval courses that are not approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy (ACPE). Considering for approval classes not approved by ACPE has been time consuming and challenging for the board. Because there are many courses available that are approved by ACPE it will improve the efficiency of the board to remove this unnecessary responsibility. This change will also spare pharmacist in Hawaii from taking courses that will not count toward their continuing education requirement.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
*Via email: CPNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov and Hand Delivery*

**FROM:** Mihoko E. Ito

**DATE:** March 25, 2012

**RE:** **H.B. 1965 – Relating to Continuing Education for Pharmacists**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room 229**

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Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am Mihoko Ito, an attorney with Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, submitting testimony in support of HB1965 on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawai‘i, Walgreens now has 11 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawai‘i.

Walgreens supports H.B. 1965 which clarifies the continuing education requirement for pharmacists to mean courses approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

The ACPE is recognized by the U.S. Department on Education as the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and is also the national agency for the accreditation of providers of continuing pharmacy education. This amendment would ensure that Hawaii pharmacists receive the same continuing education courses in-line with other pharmacists around the nation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit comments on this measure.