

LATE TESTIMONY

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

March 27, 2012; 10:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 016

RE: HB 2564 HD1, SD1– Relating to Volunteer Medical Assistance Services – In Support

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee:

My name is Todd Inafuku and I am a pharmacist, **testifying in strong support of HB 2564 HD1, SD1**, which adds pharmacists to the list of volunteer medical assistance and volunteer emergency medical disaster response personnel to be provided immunity from liability.

Pharmacists are able to administer immunization orally, by injection, or by intranasal delivery to persons eighteen years of age older provided they first receive appropriate training that includes programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), curriculum-based programs from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy, state or local health department, or programs recognized by the board of pharmacy. By including pharmacists as volunteer medical assistance personnel, pharmacists who are able to administer immunization may be allowed to volunteer and provide professional medical services in support of vaccination campaigns.

The addition of pharmacists to the list of volunteer emergency medical disaster response personnel will allow pharmacists licensed in this state to utilize their professional expertise in the emergency response to a mass casualty event or disaster. This will also allow pharmacists to participate in the mass casualty and disaster training which is vital in the preparation for the response to an emergency event.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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