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Legislative Testimony

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House Committee on Finance
February 21, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

by
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HB 1652 HD1 – RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 1652 HD1 which establishes a five-year pilot program at the pharmacy school of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UHH), under which the school shall be financially self-sufficient and managerially autonomous from the University of Hawai'i. The bill establishes a UHH Pharmacy School Special Fund and a Board of Governors for the Pharmacy School; and appropriates an unspecified sum out of the special fund for the purposes of the Act.

The University of Hawai'i appreciates the intent of the bill, which provides an avenue for funding the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy's facilities, which is required to maintain its accreditation. The college has met all requirements for accreditation except for having a permanent home. This requirement must be met by June 2014 or the college is in jeopardy of losing its accreditation. The University places a very high priority on maintaining the college, which is the only college of pharmacy in the region.

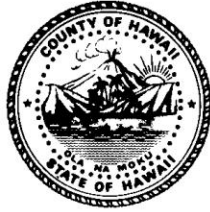
Provisions of the bill would duplicate or replace parts of the University's functions. The University has an existing mechanism for evaluating new programs. The Board of Governors this bill would establish duplicates the function of the Board of Regents. We believe both provisions are not necessary for the purpose of establishing a self-supporting college.

We are concerned that there are uncertainties in the financial aspects of establishing a college as self-sufficient or autonomous. It is not clear that the college is able to be both self-sufficient on its tuition revenues and able to cover the debt service on the full cost of the building the college requires, especially over the 30-year period of the debt.

The budget request submitted by the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i and included by the Governor in his executive budget request has as its first priority for new construction \$28M in general obligation bonds and \$5M in revenue bonds to construct a permanent home for the college. The University continues to believe this is the best approach to funding this building. We stand ready to discuss alternatives, but at this point, we prefer the Governor's proposal to the funding mechanism described in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 21, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: House Bill 1652, HD 1 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Aloha, Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Mahalo for your efforts on behalf of the University of Hawai'i and our community college system, which are preparing our young people for success in our community and across the state.

We ask your support for the critically important Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. This project was part of the late senator's vision for Hawai'i, and we hope you will join in this effort by our community and our state to honor him by seeing it through to completion.

In 2011 the College of Pharmacy became the first school of pharmacy in Hawai'i and the Pacific Region to become fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. The college is the only school in the state offering a doctorate in pharmacy, and has been an extraordinary success. An economic impact study in 2011 found the college is generating more than \$50 million per year in economic activity statewide, and each dollar of investment in salaries at the college is attracting more than three dollars in spending from outside sources. The college has emerged as a jewel of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

The college was granted accreditation before obtaining permanent facilities, which College of Pharmacy Dean John Pezzuto has called a "leap of faith" by the board of directors at the accreditation council. It is now time to provide a permanent home to meet the long-range needs of the college to allow it to fulfill its promise as a center for excellence in education and health sciences.

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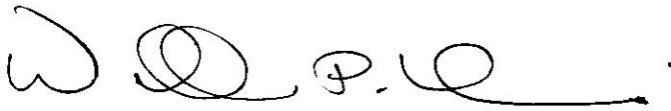
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Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

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February 19, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance

Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

Established in 2006, this college is named in honor of a man who achieved great things in his life because he refused to give up. Today the college attracts from across the State students who will become the next generation of health professionals.

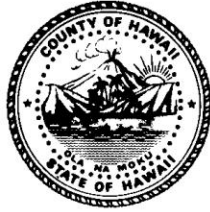
However, the lack of a permanent facility places its full accreditation in jeopardy and threatens to undo all of the achievements in recent years. The building is fully designed and "shovel-ready." The faculty and students of the college are depending on the Legislature to approve funds to retain its accreditation status.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is a tremendous asset for the State and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, and I ask that you recommend approval of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

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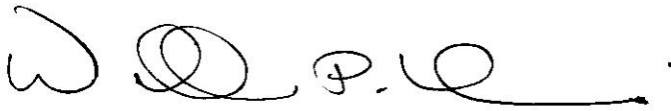
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William P. Kenoi
MAYOR

Testimony for the House Committee on Finance

**Regarding HB 1652, HD1, Relating to Higher Education
Committee Hearing on February 21, 2014 at 12:00 pm
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 308**

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Aloha! My name is Edwin Kagawa and I am the President for the Hilo Chapter of the Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA). We are in support of providing funding so the College of Pharmacy can have their instructional facility to be built as planned. As teachers of students of our public schools, we feel the need to have programs and facilities that provide opportunities for our students after they graduate. In addition, the Hilo Chapter teachers have a vested interest as this facility enhances the post-high school opportunities on the Big Island at our own University of Hawaii at Hilo. In addition, it showcases UH-Hilo with a program that attracts students from all over the world. This strengthens the University fiscally as well as adds to the economy of Hawaii.

We appreciate the introduction of HB 1652, HD1, and commend the efforts of Chair Choy and members of the House in considering various options to ensure the success of UH Hilo's College of Pharmacy. At the same time, the Board of Regents and the Governor has included in the FY 15 Supplemental Budget \$28M in general obligation bond funds and \$5M in revenue bond funds to be secured by UH system revenues, to construct a new instructional facility for the DKC College of Pharmacy.

While we much prefer that the funding for the construction of the College of Pharmacy be left in the Capital Improvement budget as requested by the Board of Regents and the Administration as this would provide greater confidence in terms of longevity of the program, we want to ensure full compliance for national accreditation of the pharmacy program, so we are open to viable funding options. We cannot afford to lose this program.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

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Testimony for the House Committee on Higher Education

Regarding House Bill No. 1652, HD1 Relating to Higher Education

Hawai'i House of Representatives Committee on Finance Hearing on February 21, 2014 at 12:00 pm Hawai'i State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 309

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Johanson and Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education,

I am Jacqui Hoover, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), President of Hawai'i Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC), and a member of the Friends of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

The introduction of HB 1652, HD1 is greatly appreciated as are the combined efforts of our legislature, policy makers, the University of Hawai'i system, and community to ensure full compliance for national accreditation for the pharmacy program.

Members and affiliates of HIEDB numbering in excess of one hundred (100) Hawai'i Island stakeholders collectively and respectively support all efforts to secure the funding necessary for the construction of permanent facilities for the DKI College of Pharmacy. As such, while we prefer that the funding for the construction of the College of Pharmacy be left in the Capital Improvement budget as requested by the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents and the Governor, as we believe that this would demonstrate to the accreditation committee and others a firmer commitment to the College and pharmacy program, HIEDB is supportive of all finance options under consideration.

Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to speak in support of HB 1652, HD1. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Testimony for the House Committee on Higher Education
Regarding House Bill No. 1652, Relating to Higher Education
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 309

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Aloha and Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am submitting this testimony in both my capacity as President of the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce (HICC) and as the HICC representative on the Friends of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Committee.

My testimony expresses the views of the membership of HICC and the members of FDKICoP in support of the College of Pharmacy. The FDKICoP consists of a very concerned group of business people and committed individuals who represent many businesses and organizations in the community and, the HICC continues to Represent the "voice of small business" on the Island of Hawai'i. HICC represents in excess of 250 businesses and an estimated 600+ individual members.

The goal, from both groups, is to ensure funding and accreditation for the College of Pharmacy so the College can fulfill its promise to their students, and the broader community. The College of Pharmacy has proven its expertise and merits accreditation. Should their building not be funded, all of this exceptional work (and all the promises of productive futures for students) will be lost.

We must find a way to ensure the sustainability of the College!

We appreciate Chair Choy's introduction of HB 1652 and commend the efforts in considering various options to ensure the success of UH Hilo's College of Pharmacy. At the same time, the Board of Regents and the Governor has included in the FY 15 Supplemental Budget \$28M in general obligation bond funds and \$5M in revenue bond funds to be secured by UH system revenues, to construct a new instructional facility for the DKU College of Pharmacy.

Our first preference is to support the funding for the construction of the College of Pharmacy through the Capital Improvement budget as requested by the Board of Regents and the Administration as this would provide greater confidence in terms of longevity of the program.

However, we want to ensure full compliance for national accreditation of the pharmacy program, so we are open to viable funding options as presented by Chair Choy.



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There is an extreme amount of high emotion surrounding this issue, but I urge you to consider the merits of the College of Pharmacy, and the long range benefits of supporting the College, in the most objective manner. There is no rational reason not to fund this building and move forward into the future. Make the choice that is BEST for our students, BEST for our economy and BEST for Hawaii's Future!

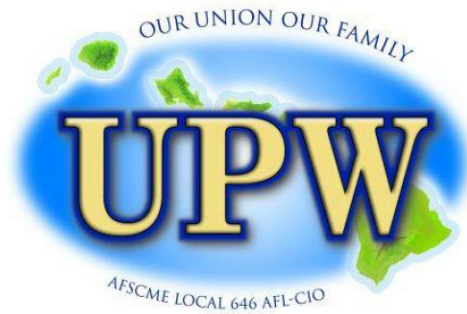
If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Judith Fox-Goldstein, President, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce

Member, Friends of the Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy (FDKICoP)



THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2014

COMMITTEE ON

The Honorable Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
The Honorable Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Friday, February 21, 2014
TIME OF HEARING: 1:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 308

TESTIMONY ON HB1652 HD1 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW supports HB1652 HD1, which establishes a 5-year pilot program at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy to ensure its financial self-sufficiency and establishes a special fund for the College of Pharmacy

We ask that you pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony to the House Finance Committee
Friday, February 21, 2014
12:00 p.m.
Capitol Conference Room 308

RE: HB 1652 HD1, RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Dear Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Johanson and members of the Committees,

The Hawaii Island Contractors Association **strongly supports** HB 1652 HD1, which proposes to establish a 5-year pilot program at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy to ensure its financial self-sufficiency. In addition, it also establishes a special fund for the UHH College of Pharmacy.

Our Association has witnessed how vital the UHH College of Pharmacy is to a healthy educational and economic environment here on the Big Island, and how it can serve as a flagship educational institution for the Pacific region. Additionally, the COP is gravely at risk of losing accreditation unless steps are taken to bring financial stability to the COP.

For the preceding reasons, The Hawaii Island Contractors' Association **strongly supports** HB 1652 HD1, and respectfully requests that your committee do the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John E.K. Dill
Co-Chair, Legislative Committee, Hawaii Island Contractors' Assn.

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Testimony for the House Committee on Higher Education

**Regarding House Bill No. 1652, HD1
Relating to Higher Education**

**Hawai`i House of Representatives Committee on Finance
Hearing on February 21, 2014 at 12:00 pm
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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Johanson and Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Higher Education,

I am Jacqui Hoover, President of Hawai`i Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC), Executive Director of the Hawai`i Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), and a member of the Friends of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

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Mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to speak in support of HB 1652, HD1. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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"Health care that is safe, health care that works, and health care that leaves no one behind"

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Friday, February 21, 2014
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Howard Ainsley
East Hawaii Regional CEO
Hawaii Health Systems Corporatio

On Behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems corporation (HHSC), thank you, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Johanson for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB1652 HD 1, relating to higher education that establishes a 5-year pilot program at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii Hilo is a critical partner for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program; a team model of care aiming to close the physician shortage gap in Hawaii. The college currently provides two faculty members, Dr. Victoria Rupp and Dr. Christina Mnatzaganian ambulatory care pharmacy specialists. Doctors Rupp and Mnatzaganian provide the majority of care for our patient with diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure, as well as managing patients on blood thinners for vascular conditions. They are integral members of our team allowing the physicians to care for other patient issues.

The College of Pharmacy students train alongside medical students, residents, psychologists and advance practice nursing students with the intent of creating new career paths for pharmacists in the State of Hawaii.

I recognize that the success of Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo is a vital part of addressing Hawaii's shortage of medical professionals.

I hereby strongly urge your support for HB1652 HD 1.

Howard N. Ainsley
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House Committee on Higher Education
Attention: Senator Sylvia Luke
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Subject: HB 1652 HD 1

My name is Ruth Binyan and I am a member of the Hawaii Island Contractors' Association and I strongly SUPPORT funding for HB 1652 HD 1 for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy building.

This program will benefit the whole state, the pharmacy students, and the legacy that Daniel K. Inouye began.

Thank you in advance for your support and for the work you do for all of us.

Sincerely,

Ruth Binyan
Hilo Branch Manager

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Aloha Senator Sylvia Luke

Speaking on behalf of our community, family, and friends – we are in SUPPORT for this bill to pass in order to encourage our local students to stay here and have the opportunity to have a Pharmacy building to study in the Pharmacy Program.

Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol A. VanCamp	Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Comments Only	No

Comments: Our 300-member organizations fully supports this bill and the goal of the COP to secure funding for a new building at UHH. The college is established and thriving and needs to secure funding for a building to retain their accreditation. We cannot let this long-fought project fail. At stake is the opportunity for many of Hawaii's students to have access to pharmacy education and for this program to bring valuable research dollars to Hawaii. Thank you for your support!

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Testimony of Phyllis Dendle

Before:

House Committee on Finance
The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

February 21, 2014
12:00 pm
Conference Room 308

HB 1652 HD1 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Chair Luke, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB1652 HD1 creating a five year pilot program to permit the construction of a permanent facility for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this bill

Hawaii continues to have a shortage of pharmacists to fill all of the positions needed in the state. This shortage is a problem for Kaiser Permanente Hawaii as well as many other health care organizations in the state. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy which is the recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist.

Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing which means Hawaii would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This could have a wide ranging negative effect on health care in Hawaii. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession.

We urge the legislature to support the continuation of the DKICP.

Thank you for your consideration.



House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair
Representative Scott Y Nishimoto, Vice Chair

House Committee on Higher Education
Representative Isaac W Choy, Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Friday, February 21, 2014
Conference Room 308
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Testimony Strongly Supporting House Bill 1652, Relating to Higher Education and the Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. Establishes a 5-year pilot program at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy to ensure its financial self-sufficiency. Establishes a special fund for the College of Pharmacy. Confirms funding for a permanent building to house the College of Pharmacy on the UH Hilo campus.

Alistair W Bairos
Chair, West Hawai'i Regional Board, HHSC

On behalf of the West Hawai'i Regional Board of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of House Bill 1652, which seeks to place the Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo, established in 2006, both on a firm financial footing and also to provide a permanent campus home for the College.

The College of Pharmacy is fulfilling a vital service in training future pharmacists for Hawai'i and the Pacific rim. These pharmacists are needed both to replace retiring pharmacists and to fill the new and emerging roles for pharmacists as our healthcare system evolves.

Beyond the crucial role the College of Pharmacy plays in training future clinicians, the College also acts as a formidable economic magnet for Hawai'i Island, having attracted many millions of Federal grant dollars to our shores in the last five years.

The West Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC (Kona and Kohala Hospitals) strongly supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure

Mahalo,
Ali Bairos, MD,
Chair, West Hawai'i Regional Board,
HHSC

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Heather Allard	Individual	Support	No

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Francine Amoa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Senator Sylvia Luke, my name is Francine Amoa and I'm currently a third year student at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I would like to submit this letter in support of the bill to fund a permanent building for the college of pharmacy. As a native of American Samoa, this is the only college of pharmacy in the entire pacific region, where the demand for pharmacists is in desperate need. Today, there are only 2 pharmacists back in American Samoa to service a population of 55,000+ residents and no pharmacists in the retail setting. Upon completion of my studies I plan to return to American Samoa to live and work and provide a much needed service to my community. This college of pharmacy has provided me with a quality education that is equally if not better than any mainland school due to its ideal location on a remote, rural island where the patient population and its challenges match the community I will be servicing. Its location in the Hawaii county has also allowed me to integrate smoothly into a professional program at an affordable rate and maintain my cultural values as a pacific islander. Furthermore, this program values culturally adaptive interventions for patients because of its respect for the native Hawaiian culture and heritage that surrounds its location. Thus, I strongly urge you and your colleagues to support this bill for the advancement of pharmacy care and improvement of health outcomes in the pacific and especially American Samoa. Thank you. Sincerely, Francine Amoa

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I have recently visited the UH College of Pharmacy in Hilo, and have met several of the students currently enrolled in the program. These are outstanding young men and women who can provide a tremendous service to the state and the pacific island region with their expertise, provided that the program receives the necessary support. I stand in strong support of the bill (HB1652) to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP).

DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai`i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai`i as well as all related health care organizations.

The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai`i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists.

Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,

Brian Anderson
Shelley, Idaho

2/20/2014

Dear Senator Luke and the House Finance Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy regarding the financing of their facilities.

As a faculty member active in serving patients with limited access to medical care, it is imperative that the College of Pharmacy be located on Big Island. We need an adequate facility, and I hope that you will do everything in your power to secure the means to assure a permanent building.

Patients are turned away from medical clinics that are full and unable to take new patients. I have conducted healthcare screenings island-wide with students in various communities, and hundreds of people do not have regular care established with physicians to care for chronic disease, in particular, diabetes. I've stepped in at the Aging and Disability Resource Center to provide a free medication education clinic open to the public. Other faculty work through pharmacies and other locations around the county.

Pharmacy students, with the guidance of their faculty, are filling in the health care provider gap by helping patients sign up for insurance and navigate to various providers to sign up to establish care. The barriers are real, and along the way we provide healthy life style education, as well as medication management education. One Hawaiian patient recently dropped from an A1c of 11% to 5.6 % over a four month period due to our education without any medication changes. A Marshallese patient, in spite of language barriers, has a similar story. We are making a difference here on this island, and have been recognized for our efforts at the national level by both the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the American Pharmacists Association.

If the school is not located on Big Island, where the education need is the greatest, we would not be able to fill in the health care education gap that exists.

Please support our building and assure the College of Pharmacy is retained on Big Island.

Kind thanks,

Katherine Anderson, PharmD

Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

509-432-6888

February 19, 2014

I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

I am a first year PharmD student, class of 2017. I am a local, single mother, and small business owner. I was born and raised in Hawaii, and attended Waiakea High School. I am very proud and very grateful for an opportunity to pursue a professional science degree in my home town. When I was growing up in the 1980's and 1990's everyone knew that if you wanted to "be someone" you had to leave Hilo for a higher education. Now, thanks in great part to our late beloved Senator Dan, I am proud to say that Hilo is a place of quality higher education.

DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai'i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai'i as well as all related health care organizations.

The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists.

Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Sincerely,

Lena Asano
Class of 2017
The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
University of Hawaii at Hilo

RE: HB 1652
Funding for DKICP permanent building

February 19, 2014

I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the building of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP).

The College of Pharmacy in Hilo, which was launched in 2007 and accredited in 2011, is the only accredited pharmacy college in the Pacific. It was named among the top 4 new programs in the nation in 2011. Its professors have been awarded millions of dollars in research grants. I support the college's mission to improve the healthcare in Hawaii by putting forth highly educated, community-oriented, compassionate pharmacists.

The students who have attended the DKICP since 2007, as well as their families, have vested millions of dollars into the Hilo and state economy in the way of annual tuition, housing rentals, purchases made at local furniture stores, grocery stores and eateries and travel.

DKICP students have given back to the Hilo community by collectively performing hundreds of hours of community service (Health Fairs, Relay for Life, Hawaii Food Bank, Stop Flu at School). They are actively involved with transforming health care in Hawaii with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm Project.

Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent danger of losing accreditation and closing. This would be detrimental to the 540 pharmacy graduates thus far whose PharmD degrees would not be recognized. 270 of them are our Hawaii students.

This is truly an innovative and milestone-setting college, one that brings pride to the people of Hawaii. **It deserves all of our support. I urge you to support this Bill.** Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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Britney Carey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and I am in support of this bill.

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Mahavir B. Chougule
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Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I stand in strong support of the **HB1652 bills** to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue and urge to support the funding for construction of permanent building of the DKICP.

The continuation of pharmacy education and discovery in our state is one of the most important factors in creating tomorrow's healthcare professionals. Our DKICP is the only school of pharmacy in the Pacific region. Our mission is to provide *first rate pharmacy education and medicinal discoveries* to improve the healthcare. We aim to become one of the top 25 schools of pharmacy in the nation.

It is paramount need for the construction of a permanent building in order to maintain the accreditation. The permanent building will provide *an ideal environment to enhance the interaction between community, students, teachers and researchers*. This will also help to take the pharmacy education and healthcare discoveries in our State to the supreme level. The DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i via \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists.

The funding for a permanent building will help to meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to our State and the profession. I give my full support to secure funding for the permanent building for DKICOP.

Thanking you,
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Chougule". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mahavir Chougule
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Mari Cid	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai'i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai'i as well as all related health care organizations. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

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February 19, 2014

Dear Honorable Hawaii State Legislator:

My name is Linda Connelly and I am a faculty member at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I urge you to support Bill HB1652. The impact of supporting the continued growth and success of the DKICP will be felt throughout the state and the Pacific.

The DKICP is a state and Pacific-wide program. Our Pre-Pharmacy Program is open to all students regardless of their home institution and we support their entry into the Pharm.D. program through advising and online classes. This has resulted in students entering our program after taking classes at universities and community colleges throughout the UH system as well as in Guam and American Samoa. Our broad impact is also felt through placement of our faculty, students and graduates throughout Hawaii and the Pacific. We have faculty working in hospitals in Hawaii, Oahu, Maui and Kauai – increasing the safe and effective use of medication for patients throughout the state. Our final year students work at community pharmacies, clinics and hospitals throughout the state and also in Alaska, Guam, American Samoa and Saipan. It is truly thrilling to see the impact of our program both on the lives of our students and their families as they become Pharmacists and on the members of the communities that they serve.

Now that we have built our research program our impact is being felt beyond our Pharm.D. program. Many of our faculty including myself are members of the UH Cancer Center and our experience and grant funding was a vital contribution to the renewal of the NCI-designation and P30 grant. In addition through our research program we can now offer biomedical research experience to students who would not previously have had this opportunity. I employ two undergraduate students (one from the Big Island and one from Oahu) in my laboratory through a grant I was awarded by the NIH/NCI. It is exciting to be training local students who will be among the future faculty at DKICP and other institutions throughout the state.

All of our faculty, staff and students have worked hard to take the DKICP to this point. Please do not let this effort be in vain by supporting this bill. If you have questions, please contact me (phone - 808-932-7146, e-mail – lindacon@hawaii.edu).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Connelly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Linda Connelly, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Kurt Corbin	Individual	Support	No

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Adi Dement	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of higher education and agree that a permanent structure should be build.

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Samuel Erbe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai`i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai`i as well as all related health care organizations. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. The Pharmacy program brings life to the Hilo Community with many young adults and young families moving here to Hilo. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support. Sincerely, Samuel A Erbe 96760

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Chuck Erskine	non-profit	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I am submitting this testimony in both my capacity as Chair of the Government Affairs Committee of the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce (HICC) and as incoming President. Approval of this bill will provide a great opportunity for our students and our university. The benefits of a pharmacy program are immeasurable for our entire State, both academically and scientifically. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony and I urge you to vote in support of HB 1652. Mahalo, Chuck Erskine GAC Chair - Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce

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Kevin Flores	Individual	Support	No

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RaeAnne Fuller	Individual	Support	No

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Ryan Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

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February 19, 2014

To the members of the House of Representatives Finance Committee:

My name is Chris Lai Hipp, and I am currently a Clinical Pharmacist at the new Queen's Medical Center- West Oahu, and a 2013 proud graduate of the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I stand in strong support of the bills (including, but not limited to HB1652) to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. It's location within Hawaii allowed me to stay closer to home to pursue my graduate level medical education. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawaii would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have serious consequences for the health care for the people of Hawaii as well as all related health care organizations in our state.

The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which is helping to improve the care of patients and allowing increased access to life saving medicines for your constituents who need it the most. This nationally funded project is unique in the nation, and its success is drawing national attention as well as allowing our state to become a model of health care delivery.

Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Thank you for your time,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Huang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the College of Pharmacy and everything it stands for.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Ikemori	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support this bill to enhance higher education for state.

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Kelly Ishizuka	Individual	Support	No

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Abraham Jose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please approve our building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. We as a pharmacy both help the community through our health screenings, working at various pharmacies around the community (including but not limited to Longs, Kta, Walgreens, etc.,) and with these things we help the community grow. I personally moved here from Chicago to go to school here and now work at Longs and witnessed first hand how the school directly and indirectly helps the community.

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Ryan Kadota	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe this is important not only for Hilo and the Big Island, but the State. The need in this field is growing with our aging population. It also stimulates our local economy by attracting students and educators from abroad, raising the intellectual capital of our community.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jo-Ann L Kalamau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I am a widow, on disability income. I want to see students succeed in life, feed their families. All families need help now days. We all need to survive. Hilo has plenty homeless individuals, some choosing to live that way. We should not kill these student s' drive to learn a trade that is useful to me and to the students. I use a pharmacy and see these students in training there but apparently they need a building for their schooling. Why not give these students their building? There must be money some where for their building. If I had the money, I would build the building at once. Please find the funding for these students who are choosing to live their schooling and trying their best to succeed and working hard to feed their little children too. Thank you. Mrs. Lei Kalamau Hilo, Hawaii

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Lily Kamikihara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support appropriating funding for the permanent building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) building. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawaii would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have serious effects on health care in Hawaii as well as all related health care organizations. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and in the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawaii with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project. The graduates of DKCIP have garnered much recognition and have made an impact in the health care field inside and outside of Hawaii. They have done so from what they have learned from the top-notch and world class professors, educators, and administrators at DKICP. The DKCIP is an institution that the Hilo community and the state of Hawaii are very proud of. DKCIP students have held and continue to hold events benefiting the Hilo community such as Blood Drives and Health Fairs. Please support funding the DKCIP as it is so vitally important to the students and faculty and to Hawaii's broad community. Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

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Kathy Morris
Student pharmacist

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James R. Kennedy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is very important to pass this measure. UH Hilo has established an excellent Pharmacology program. It's in place, and working, and has received high marks from the accrediting agency. Nevertheless, it need to have a suitable facility to move forward and maintain its accreditation. All the planning has been done, and it lacks only the funding to begin construction.

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perry kim	Individual	Support	No

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Ka?iu Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support for the College of Pharmacy HB 1652

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My name is Tamara P. Kondratyuk, and I reside at 173 S. Wilder Road in Hilo, Hawaii. I have been working at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy since January 2007. I stand in strong support of the bill **HB1652** to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

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Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you might have.

Sincerely yours,

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Cindy Kuo	Individual	Support	No

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Laura Libal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai'i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai'i as well as all related health care organizations. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

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February 20, 2014

House of Representatives Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 27
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Bill #HB-1652 regarding funding for a permanent building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I humbly ask for you to support the College during this time of growth for our profession in Hawaii.

Since its inception the College has provided education and supported research for pharmacy. This year it will graduate its fourth cohort of Pharm.Ds – Doctors of Pharmacy – who will be prepared to serve the Hawaii community and other communities in need.

Health care exists because of collaboration between professionals who have a common goal – the best care for every patient. Pharmacists are an integral part of every health care team, and provide expert, up-to-date knowledge of disease states and drug therapy.

Many of our patients leave the hospital with over a dozen medications. When they go to fill their prescriptions, they have questions: “What is this medication for? How does it work in my body? What are its side effects? Does it interact with any of my other medications? How much does it cost?” – pharmacists are indispensable providers of such knowledge. A pharmacist is a free, easily accessible, and trustworthy resource available to all members of the community.

The importance of having a college of pharmacy in Hawaii cannot be underestimated – drug knowledge is the foundation of being a good pharmacist, but cultural understanding is vital to being able to serve members of a local community.

The College has continued to expand in research, education, and services provided to local communities on every island in Hawaii. Your support is vital for it to continue in its growth. As a graduate of the DKICP I urge you to consider this bill. Education is not a finish line. It is the foundation to provide future working health care professionals – pharmacists- with the knowledge and experiences they need to serve the Hawaii community. I sincerely ask for your support and consideration of Bill HB-1652 and the College of Pharmacy.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Hu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Daniel Hu, Pharm.D

HB1652, HD1

Support for University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

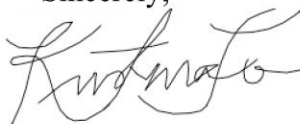
My name is Kristina Lo and I am a third year student pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-COP) permanent building. Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

The UHH-COP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It is vital for our college to have a permanent building because, not only is this College of Pharmacy one of the highest offered professional colleges in the University of Hawaii school system, it is the only College of Pharmacy in the Pacific Basin. This school has accomplished so much in such a short amount of time, has top-of-the-line faculty, and attracts top-notch students from within and out of the country. Yet, the college is under-valued due to the lack of a permanent building. As one of the Student Ambassadors of the UHH-COP, I can attest to potential students being deferred from choosing this College of Pharmacy for that reason, due to the concern for future accreditation status. A permanent building is also vital due to the current modular structure of the college. It is adequate for learning purposes, however, as a student, I have taken notice to the lack of social, meeting, and study space currently available not only for us as students, but for faculty. Students and faculty must often drive to several locations to hold student-professor meetings, conduct research, and hold lectures. In addition money put into maintenance and repairs of the modular facilities would be much better spent on a permanent building that would not only “adequately” serve the students didactic career, but would provide the space needed to fully take advantage of all the great opportunities this college has to offer.

Not only is this building vital for future students at this college, in the big picture, it is vital to Hawaii’s community. The college is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawaii and is beneficial to Hawaii’s communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. Students work endlessly to perform and organize community outreach programs and health fairs continuously throughout the year. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawaii with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists.

I greatly appreciate your attention to this letter. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support. If you have questions, please contact me at phone 808-382-6375.

Sincerely,



Kristina Lo
34 E. Kawili Street #16
Hilo, HI 96720

February 20, 2014

House Finance Committee
Honorary Chair, Representative Sylvia Luke
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chairwoman Luke and Members of the House Finance Committee,

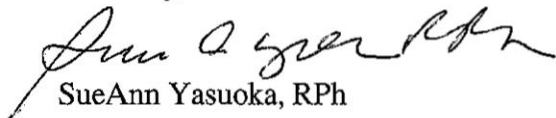
HB 1652 HD1 seeks to establish a program under which the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii Hilo will be financially and managerially independent. I ask you all to SUPPORT this measure.

I am a practicing pharmacist of 24 years in the retail community. My education was done in Oregon, but I chose to return home to service our community. I was born and raised in the Chairman's district, attending schools like Maemae, Kawanakoa, and Roosevelt. My active involvement in the profession has witnessed so many changes in our practice and in healthcare. One of the proudest endeavors was to see the birth of the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy and its accreditation 3 years ago. Residents interested in becoming a pharmacist now have an option to obtain their professional degree right here in this State.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy has long been a dream of Senator Inouye. His wish to diversify all of our islands has brought economic development and growth to the University system, to the island of Hawaii, and to the State. The Educators at the College are teaching these new pharmacists, at the same time, researching and discovering new medicines for the future. The students that rotate through my place of employment provide us with a chance to see the pharmacist of tomorrow. It is a win-win for both, they teach the pharmacist who has been out of school, as well as the pharmacist with the experience teaches them. Each empowered to do more; they raise the level of care that our community and our patients deserve.

Unfortunately, I am not able to testify in person today. I humbly thank you for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of HB1652 HD1.

Sincerely,


SueAnn Yasuoka, RPh

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chris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Without the funding, the University of Hawaii as a whole (inter-island) will lose credibility. People from the mainland will not forget the Oahu college of pharmacy collapsing. It tainted schools in Hawaii as a whole because most people will not go out of their way to figure out whether or not it had anything to do with the UH system. Furthermore, any prospective programs that want to bring prestige to the UH name will be drowned well before fruition because the interest and nurturing garnered towards the current investment that is our college of pharmacy had insufficient support. If the demand is that the funds be diverted to other campuses because they have not had their overdue renovations in 60 or so years, one should consider the cost of NOT waiting a little longer for those renovations. We are talking about the UH reputation on the line, an entire city's economy being negatively impacted and the future of the campus being a blown-out candle. I do not mean to minimize the needs of others, but rather I am trying to emphasize the needs of many here.

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Jerilyn Gudoy	Individual	Support	No

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Barbara Hastings	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for your service to our state. Please support the College of Pharmacy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Hill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: University of Hawaii at Hilo desperately needs this project to move forward, or face losing accreditation, students and jobs. The future of Hawaii's pharmacy students, non-resident students and their families depend on this project. Please consider my request to approve the UHH-COP project. Mahalo Nui Loa, Brian Hill

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Howard Ishizuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support appropriating funding for the permanent building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) building. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawaii would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have serious effects on health care in Hawaii as well as all related health care organizations. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and in the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawaii with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project. The graduates of DKCIP have garnered much recognition and have made an impact in the health care field inside and outside of Hawaii. They have done so from what they have learned from the top-notch and world class professors, educators, and administrators at DKICP. The DKCIP is an institution that the Hilo community and the state of Hawaii are very proud of. DKCIP students have held and continue to hold events benefiting the Hilo community such as Blood Drives and Health Fairs. Please support funding the DKCIP as it is so vitally important to the students and faculty and to Hawaii's broad community. Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

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Trenton Aoki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai'i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai'i as well as all related health care organizations. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

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joycelyn iyo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pls support our college of pharmacy. Thank you.

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February 20, 2014

Dear House Finance Committee
Senator Sylvia Luke, Chair

I am writing this letter to express my strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai`i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai`i as well as all related health care organizations.

The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai`i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists.

Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Sincerely,
Patricia Juszczak

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I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which would have dire effects on health care in Hawai'i as well as all related health care organizations.

The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists.

Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession.

I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Mahalo,

Lily Pua-Kaipō

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Le	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear House Finance Committee, I am a second year student pharmacist at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Our school would like to have your support in providing funding for our permanent building. For the past several years, the College has been operating in temporary buildings with professors scattered throughout the island. If we had a permanent building, not only will there be unity, but we would also be able to host community events such as annual Health Fairs on campus. Please help support us in the continuation of our education. UHH DKICP is the only pharmacy school in Hawaii and we want the state to continue generating new pharmacists to support the community. Mahalo for your time and consideration. Nancy Le

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Carolyn Loeffler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support this bill....

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Jeremy Lozano	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S. De Luz, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is David S. De Luz, Jr. and I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai`i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai`i as well as all related health care organizations. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai`i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. As a life long resident of Hawaii, I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support. Thank you for the opportunity in allowing me to submit my testimony. respectfully, David S. De Luz, Jr. 808-895-4284 email: djr@teamdeluz.com

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Testimony for the House Committee on Finance
Regarding HB1652 HD1, Relating to Higher Education
Committee Hearing on February 21, 2014 at 12:00 pm
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 308

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Aloha! My name is Barry Mark. I am an owner of a financial planning and investment advising practice in Hilo, HI. I was born and raised on the Big Island and have been a resident for 32 of my 47 years.

I am recording my strong support of HB1652 HD1 to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you for accepting my testimony on this important issue.

DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of being placed on probation, losing accreditation and closing. This would mean that Hawai'i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai'i, all related health care organizations and the state's ability to improve the quality of rural health care.

The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be identified as one of the largest deficits in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai'i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists.

I appreciate and commend the efforts in considering various options to ensure the success of UH Hilo's Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Given the short time frame remaining to achieve full compliance for national accreditation of the pharmacy program, the need to address the UH System repair and maintenance backlog, as well as the capacity for DKICP to be able to service the debt obligation with appropriate operational and funding modifications for this permanent facility, the approach outlined in HB 1652 HD1 represents the most practical and viable vehicle to reach the compromise required to achieve this highly necessary and desired outcome.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair, House Finance Committee

CC: The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, President, Hawai'i State Senate
The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Date: 2/21/2014
Time: 12:00 (noon)
Place: HED room 309

RE: H.B. No. 1652 RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Dear Representatives:

Whereas the Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) is seeking to establish a 5-year pilot program to ensure its financial self-sufficiency via a special fund for the College of Pharmacy, it is worth reviewing that DKICP has already been granted sufficient funds to start the program (dating to H.B. No. 500, Twenty-Fourth State Legislature, 2007)¹. Furthermore, as documented in the Minutes of the Regents Joint Committees on Academic Affairs and Budget and Long-Range Planning, Thursday, September 9, 2004², and The University Of Hawai'i Board Of Regents' meeting of June 15-16, 2006³, the DKICP has not kept pace with its plan of establishing the program, despite the millions in funding previously provided by the State of Hawai'i to DKICP, even though DKICP collects more revenue in tuition than what was originally anticipated due to larger student enrollment².

Although DKICP was established to address a shortage of pharmacists in Hawai'i⁴, the market for pharmacists was never critical in Hawai'i; analyses of the pharmacist profession in Hawai'i demonstrate that Hawai'i is currently the most saturated market in the US to find employment⁵. This trend of a looming joblessness crisis for new pharmacy graduates and pharmacists in general is not restricted to Hawai'i either; furthermore the "need" to graduate pharmacist and establishing new Pharmacy Schools to supply manpower to the profession has been documented to have been overly pursued, as pharmacist manpower analysis assumed that there would only be 3 new Doctor of Pharmacy programs started every 10 years.⁶ With dim employment opportunities for pharmacists in Hawai'i and nationwide, it may explain in part why only 500 applications to DKICP were received compared to 800 last year⁷.

¹ http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/CommReports/HB500_CD1_CCR93_.pdf

² <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/budget/minute/20040909.joint.pdf>

³ <http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/regular/minute/20060615.regular.pdf>

⁴ <http://hilo.hawaii.edu/uhh/vcaa/documents/CollegeofPharmacyExectuveSummaryJune2004.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.pharmacymanpower.com/usstatemap.jsp>

⁶ Am J Pharm Educ. 2013;77(5)

⁷ <http://hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/pharmacy-school-peril>

Furthermore, the departure of Faculty to DKICP is one that has already been occurring at an alarming rate, and which has not been adequately addressed by DKICP administration. Since January 2009, several Pharmacy Practice Faculty have resigned from their respective faculty appointments (Dr. Mark Okamoto, Mr. Mark Litzinger, Dr. Scott Holuby, Dr. Douglas Adriance-Mejia, Dr. Mok Chong, Dr. Caitrin Vordtriede, Dr. Anna Barbato, and most recently Dr. Katherine Anderson); this list does not include other ancillary staff that have resigned, or Pharmacy Science Faculty that are no longer with the program. Contrary to Dean Pezzuto's opinion that the lack of a building would lead to "faculty bailing out"⁷, there are several more pertinent issues with the operations and administration of DKICP that have lead to faculty resignations.

Moreover, although Dean Pezzuto has been quick to point fingers at the Hawai'i State Legislature for the lack of support of the College of Pharmacy⁸, Dean Pezzuto has many questions to address, including the fact that the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) currently ranks DKICP in 94th place out of 109 colleges of pharmacy across the country⁹; Dean Pezzuto explained in June of 2006 that DKICP required extra financial assistance from the State of Hawai'i so as to not end up becoming a "mediocre College of Pharmacy"³; after several years since the original start-up funding was allocated to DKICP, it is worth inquiring how DKICP administration used up prior allocated funds to end up at this point of seeking more financial assistance from the State. Additionally, Dean Pezzuto has not addressed the employment prospects of students (90 per year) that graduate from DKICP, and how this flood of pharmacists in Hawai'i has saturated the local job market.

In closing, as a former recipient of The Teaching Excellence Award at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy (as recognized by Sen. Daniel Inouye, May 18th, 2010), I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to H.B. No. 1652.

Sincerely,



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⁸ <http://westhawaiiitoday.com/sections/news/local-news/uh-hilo-pharmacy-school-still-homeless.html>

⁹ <http://westhawaiiitoday.com/sections/news/local-news/hth-briefs-march-28-2013.html>

Testimony for #HB1652

Support for University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

Aloha. My name is Lehua Miller and I am one of the Administrative and Fiscal Support members of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. I am in strong support of special funding in your budget for the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-DKICP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawai'i.

The UHH-DKICP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. The community health fairs are inspiring. You have no idea until you have witnessed a community health fair. If you see the people, of all ages, at a UHH-DKICP health fair, you will see the great impact of the caring and willingness that UHH-DKICP students and faculty have for the community. Another benefit is the Ke Ola Mau Health Career Pathways Program. It is a partnership between the Nā Pua Noe'au Program and UHH-DKICP and UHH Mānoa, which targets the Native Hawaiian student population in the health care related field. Personally, UHH-DKICP has opened up more doors for jobs. I am so thankful to be a member of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. All departments show their own strengths to continue on with the daily operations of the goals of UHH-DKICP. With keeping in mind of the legacy of the late Daniel K. Inouye, we are rejuvenated to show strong support of our college.

Please consider my request to include special funding in your budget for the UHH-DKICP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and staff and to Hawai'i's broad community. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 808-557-5501.

No`u me ka mahalo,



Lehua Miller

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**Regarding HB 1652, HD1, Relating to Higher Education
Committee Hearing on February 21, 2014 at 12:00 pm
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 308**

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION
HB 1652, HD1 - **SUPPORT**

Aloha! My name is Marvin Min and I am a member of the Friends of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. We are a steering committee made up of members of the broad community representing businesses, organizations, and concerned individuals.

We appreciate the introduction of HB 1652, HD1, and commend the efforts of Chair Choy and members of the House in considering various options to ensure the success of UH Hilo's College of Pharmacy. At the same time, the Board of Regents and the Governor has included in the FY 15 Supplemental Budget \$28M in general obligation bond funds and \$5M in revenue bond funds to be secured by UH system revenues, to construct a new instructional facility for the DKI College of Pharmacy.

While we much prefer that the funding for the construction of the College of Pharmacy be left in the Capital Improvement budget as requested by the Board of Regents and the Administration as this would provide greater confidence in terms of longevity of the program, we want to ensure full compliance for national accreditation of the pharmacy program, so we are open to viable funding options.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to send in my written testimony.

Mahalo,

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January 23, 2014

Re: H.B. NO. 1652. RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

To: the Higher Education Committee:

My name is Ken Morris and I am writing as a private citizen but am also a professor and the chairman of the department of Pharmaceutical Science at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. I also sit on the executive team of the College and am testifying **IN STRONG SUPPORT** of H.B. NO. 1652 as amended.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region. We have an approved and established curriculum, outstanding faculty and staff, successful and growing research activities, and a world class system of experiential sites for our students. Our Doctor of Pharmacy students and the associated faculty serve the state starting in the very first year of the program. The students spend the first 3 of their 4 years on the Big Island taking classes and getting early experiential training at local pharmacies, clinics, and the hospital. Their final year is all clinical rotations throughout the country and U.S. territories. We are graduating excellent students and are in all ways compliant with the standards required for the college except for having a permanent central facility for the college.

This Bill offers a unique opportunity to obtain financing for the building and to maintain the program. I realize there are legitimate logistical concerns but trust that as the bill moves through the legislative process it will benefit from thoughtful amendment to insure adequate funding for the initiative and satisfy any concerns of all the stakeholders.

Thank you for your service and for providing the opportunity for this testimony.

Sincerely,

Ken Morris, Ph.D.

My name is Maggie Morris, and I stand in strong support of HB1652 to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP).

Thank you for considering this essential funding request. As the Finance Committee, I am sure you can appreciate the economic impact that DKICP has on the Big Island. There was a study done several years ago that showed the College brings in more than \$50 million in revenue every year to the state. That's not just in tuition, but in bringing in extra people who need housing, jobs and who spend their money right here in Hawai'i. By now, the amount is many times more than that, with researchers bringing in more than \$30 million federal funding and gaining national attention.

This monetary influx not only benefits the Big Island, because the College has a faculty and student presence on Oahu, Maui and Kauai, and is working towards reaching out to others. It is good for the entire state to have the College of Pharmacy, already established in a rural setting. It took a lot of sweat equity to get it to this point.

And beyond the economy, DKICP addresses the pharmacist shortage in the Pacific Region, which is more than hyperbole. According to national data from Pharmacy Manpower Project, the Pacific region has a pharmacist shortage that continues to be the most severe in the country. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist.

Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai'i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. As we saw with the now defunct Hawaii College of Pharmacy, which closed in 2005 because it didn't meet strict accreditation standards, the loss of accreditation is not an empty threat. It's a certainty.

Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support. I hope you will, too.

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Kristy Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Employment of pharmacists is projected to grow 14 percent from 2012 to 2022..." Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition, Pharmacists, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacists.htm> (visited February 19, 2014).

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Brian Ninomoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The College of Pharmacy is important to the Hawaii Island's economy and community. Please pass this bill.

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DELBERT NISHIMOTO	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Okamura	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support HB 1652, HD1 to allow the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy to construct a permanent building and comply with the latest ACPE deficiency. Prior to 2007, our local students had to go out-of-state to pursue a degree in Pharmacy. Now, they are able to stay home to pursue a career as a Pharmacist. I am a retired pharmacist. Through my career, I experienced the effects of a shortage of pharmacist. The potential of Pharmacist contribution to the health care team were continually hindered. Now, the supply of Pharmacist have improved and will continue to improve at the highest level of quality. Our rural areas and federally qualified health centers will benefit from our home grown graduates entering the work force. Our residents health care will improve with the services of our Pharmacist. I support HB1652, HD1.

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Hugh Y Ono	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE, PLEASE HELP: This is a personal appeal to please help to make the UHH School of Pharmacy building become a reality. Not providing for this building would be a serious blow and set-back to a program that we on the Island of Hawaii are extremely proud of. The merits of this building have been previously established and articulated. Again, PLEASE SUPPORT SO THIS PROGRAM CAN CONTINUE.. AGAIN MY SINCEREST PERSONAL APPEAL. MAHALO...

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Mari Otis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The College of Pharmacy is a vital and integral part of UH Hilo. If a permanent building is what is needed to keep it open, then every effort should be made by the legislature to see that it happens.

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sandy oyadomari	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB1650 to establish 5 year pilot project for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. This college is the only program in Hawaii and pacific region to offer Doctor of Pharmacy. Without the permanent building, the college is in imminent risk if losing accreditation and closing! Hawaii would no longer have any Pharmacy College. This would have huge impacts on health care in Hawaii. Funding for a permanent building would assure the college to meet all the professional accreditation standards, and continue to be a contributing factor in Hawaii county. I STRONGLY SUPPORT PASSING OF HB 1652. THIS WOULD IMPACT PEOPLE OF HAWAII AND HELP CHILDREN'S FUTURE? Thank you for the opportunity of testifying.

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Keri Oyadomari	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senator Sylvia Luke, The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy has brought such a great reputation to Hawaii. Pharmacy students have spread their knowledge and energetic dedication throughout mainland America to show the world what the University of Hawaii has to offer. The college has not only boosted the Hawaii County economy, but has also improved healthcare significantly for rural populations. Denying this funding would be throwing away the improvements and efforts of thousands.

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Eun Jung Park	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the loss of national accreditation which means the demise of an excellent, high demand pharmacy doctorate program for our State of Hawaii. I really hope that we have a permanent building for the DKICP in the Big Island in the near future.

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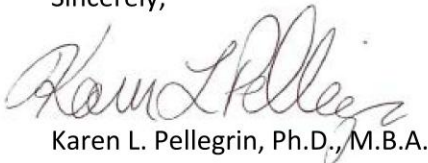
To whom it may concern:

My name is Karen Pellegrin and I am the Director of Continuing Education and Strategic Planning for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. I am testifying **IN SUPPORT** of H.B. NO. 1652 because I believe it is an innovative pilot designed to optimize the success and sustainability of the College while being accountable to all stakeholders. More importantly, I believe this pilot might help chart a new course for the University of Hawaii.

Across the nation, higher education is in search of new models that will deliver better value to students, families, taxpayers, and others who fund universities. I believe H.B. NO. 1652 will help the University of Hawaii make progress toward becoming a more transparent, adaptive, and accountable institution of higher education.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Pellegrin, Ph.D., M.B.A.

As both a fourth-year pharmacy student and a citizen of Hawaii, I strongly support funding for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

In the last year alone, I have participated as a health care provider in blood pressure and cholesterol screenings at public events in Hilo, a program at Maui Memorial Medical Center to ensure that appropriate medications are being given to patients being discharged to prevent unnecessary readmissions, several medication and immunization counseling sessions with elder care groups on Oahu, workshops with nurses at the LBJ Tropical Medical Center in American Samoa on proper antibiotic usage, and many more activities like these. This is not unique to me; every student at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy does outreach activities like this on a very regular basis as part of their coursework, both here in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific region. Through the College, we are able to provide medical care and education to many areas of the population that would otherwise be ignored.

Unfortunately, without a permanent building, we will be unable to continue to do this. We are a relatively new school, and our national accreditation is subject to review. The accreditation body has told us that our current home, a set of temporary modular buildings in Hilo, are not sufficient, and without a permanent building our accreditation is in jeopardy. Losing this accreditation would be disastrous, and put the future of the College in serious jeopardy.

I support giving the opportunity to young students, from Maui to Maine, to learn and practice pharmacy in Hawai'i. I support improving the quality of health care in both Hawai'i and the entire Pacific region. I support the training of effective pharmacists to continue to serve as the most accessible health care provider the majority of the population has access to. For these reasons, I support funding for a permanent building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

Sean Pfundstein

Class President, Class of 2014

Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

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Val Povaliaev	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha,

My name is Jarred Prudencio and I am a Hilo Resident, born and raised. Having been a part of the Hilo community for so long, I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy. This is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai`i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai`i as well as all related health care organizations.

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Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Sincerely,

Jarred Prudencio
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asal rafie	Individual	Support	No

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Andrew Reinhart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hundreds of students to date, including myself, have received a quality education and experience at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Many more continue to look to the College of Pharmacy for their pharmacy education, and the research potential of this institution cannot be overstated. Support of the CoP with funds necessary to build and eventually house all university operations -- including research, education, and administration -- can only increase the efficiency and therefore the quality of the experience the College can offer. In time, the program has the potential to be ranked and respected amongst the best in the nation. I look forward to being a graduate of just such a program. Aloha and mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Support of HB1652
Victoria Rupp, PharmD

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Thank you,
Victoria Rupp, Pharm.D.

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John M. Sevick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Friend! I regret I didn't have more notice and longer opportunity to spread the news. But I just found out this morning that the deadline for "testimony" to the House of Representatives Finance Committee is today at noon concerning Bill #HB1652 regarding funding for the permanent building of The Daniel K. Inouye School of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. My hanai niece is Heather Allard, the Student Pharmacist mentioned in this forwarded e-mail chain. Millions of dollars have already been spent planning the permanent building. Millions more and great labor have been expended as well to establish The School and its faculty. Last year The School passed all its national accreditation marks EXCEPT for having permanent quarters. Last year the Legislature did not fund construction. If construction is not funded this year, The School will very likely not achieve permanent accreditation, faculty will look elsewhere and students will not apply. The School has achieved an excellent international reputation. It will be a terrific loss for the State of Hawaii of time, treasure, effort and future benefits should that misfortune occur. Please do whatever you can to support The School of Pharmacy of UH Hilo. Mahalo nui loa! John M. Sevick; Kailua-Kona

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Testimony for the House Committee on Finance

**Regarding HB 1652, HD1, Relating to Higher Education
Committee Hearing on February 21, 2014 at 12:00 pm
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 308**

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Aloha! My name is Kelvin Sewake and I am chair of the Friends of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. We are a steering committee made up of members of the broad community representing businesses, organizations, and concerned individuals.

We appreciate the introduction of HB 1652, HD1, and commend the efforts of Chair Choy and members of the House in considering various options to ensure the success of UH Hilo's College of Pharmacy. At the same time, the Board of Regents and the Governor has included in the FY 15 Supplemental Budget \$28M in general obligation bond funds and \$5M in revenue bond funds to be secured by UH system revenues, to construct a new instructional facility for the DKU College of Pharmacy.

While we much prefer that the funding for the construction of the College of Pharmacy be left in the Capital Improvement budget as requested by the Board of Regents and the Administration as this would provide greater confidence in terms of longevity of the program, we want to ensure full compliance for national accreditation of the pharmacy program, so we are open to viable funding options.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,



Kelvin T. Sewake
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Nadine So	Individual	Support	No

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Cara Suefuji	Individual	Support	No

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Dianqing Sun and I am an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the UH Hilo the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I stand in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for DKICP. Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue.

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Thank you very much for your consideration and support!!!

Sincerely,



Dianqing Sun, Ph.D.

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Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

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Gina Tanouye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support

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Anthony Thai	Individual	Support	No

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Antonio Verduzco
Student Pharmacist
Class of 2015
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Kimberly Victorine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! My name is Kimberly Victorine and I am a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. I was born and raised in Hilo, and the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy has personally given me the opportunity to remain in my hometown of Hilo and pursue my dream career, while being able to stay close to my family and ailing loved ones. Had it not been for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, I would not have been able to further my interest and follow my passion in the field of Pharmacy. Having to travel to the mainland and be away from home for 4 long years was not an option for me. My family needs me here, and the out of state tuition was much too costly for a middle-income family like mine, who did not qualify for financial aid. Having worked at a local Longs Pharmacy for 7 years, I have heard nothing but support and excitement from members of the community. Not once have I heard someone say something negative about the College of Pharmacy. Having a College of Pharmacy here in Hilo will not only benefit the community and students in Hilo, but also students and community members from the outer islands as well. It will also be highly beneficial to current aspiring Hawaii Pharmacy Students and for future generations to come.

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Wesley K. Wakimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: An accredited College of Pharmacy is crucial for our state. Mahalo.

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Christina Wales	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I stand in strong support of the bills to secure funding for the permanent building for The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). Thank you to the House Finance Committee for considering this important issue. DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy, thereby making it the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation and closing, which means Hawai`i would no longer have a college of pharmacy. This would have dire effects on health care in Hawai`i as well as all related health care organizations. The pharmacist shortage in the Pacific region served by the UH College of Pharmacy continues to be the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. At the same time, DKICP is transforming health care in Hawai`i with new models of care such as the \$14.4 million Pharm2Pharm project, which leverages the current supply of pharmacists. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. I know I join many others who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

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Sincerely,
Eric Wigmosta

HB 1652

Support Appropriation Funds for University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Building

My name is Nalini V. S. Yadav and I am a student in the PhD in Pharmaceutical Science program. I am in strong support of appropriating the necessary funds in your budget for the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (UHH-DKICP) building. The undesirable consequence of not providing funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation could mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for our State of Hawaii.

The UHH-DKICP needs to be supported because its benefits are numerous. It has excellent professors and attracts top-notch students from the U.S. and internationally as well as has cutting-edge research that is being conducted by faculty and students, including cancer research. It is also the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate in Pharmacy degree and is estimated to be responsible for stimulating about \$50 million per year in economic activity for Hawai'i. The UHH-DKICP not only claims notable accomplishments in securing research funding such as the \$16.2 million Beacon Community Grant and \$14.3 million "Pharm2Pharm" Grant that will help reduce health care costs and improve the delivery of health care for communities across the state and region but is also beneficial to Hawai'i's communities by providing more health care professionals for our ever-increasing and aging population. The building project is considered "shovel ready" by the UH Board of Regents allowing construction to take place soon after funding is provided. Support of this building is vital to continue to provide the state with not only the necessary pharmacists and health care providers but also academics and scientists of the highest caliber who can continue the innovative research for which we are already receiving numerous accolades.

Please consider my request to include the necessary funds in your budget for the UHH-DKICP building as it is so vitally important to the students, faculty, and to Hawai'i's broad community. If you have questions, please contact me at phone number 404-245-9130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nalini V. S. Yadav". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Martha Yamada	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HB 1652. We need to support the school of pharmacy for the benefit of our community and future healthcare

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House Finance Committee
Honorary Chair, Representative Sylvia Luke
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairwoman Luke and Members of the House Finance Committee,

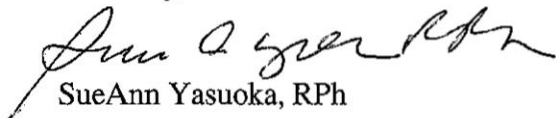
HB 1652 HD1 seeks to establish a program under which the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii Hilo will be financially and managerially independent. I ask you all to SUPPORT this measure.

I am a practicing pharmacist of 24 years in the retail community. My education was done in Oregon, but I chose to return home to service our community. I was born and raised in the Chairman's district, attending schools like Maemae, Kawanakoa, and Roosevelt. My active involvement in the profession has witnessed so many changes in our practice and in healthcare. One of the proudest endeavors was to see the birth of the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy and its accreditation 3 years ago. Residents interested in becoming a pharmacist now have an option to obtain their professional degree right here in this State.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy has long been a dream of Senator Inouye. His wish to diversify all of our islands has brought economic development and growth to the University system, to the island of Hawaii, and to the State. The Educators at the College are teaching these new pharmacists, at the same time, researching and discovering new medicines for the future. The students that rotate through my place of employment provide us with a chance to see the pharmacist of tomorrow. It is a win-win for both, they teach the pharmacist who has been out of school, as well as the pharmacist with the experience teaches them. Each empowered to do more; they raise the level of care that our community and our patients deserve.

Unfortunately, I am not able to testify in person today. I humbly thank you for the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of HB1652 HD1.

Sincerely,


SueAnn Yasuoka, RPh

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kent yoneda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill

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Dear The House Finance Committee:

My name is Henry Truong and I am writing this letter to show strong support to secure the funding for a permanent building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. My colleagues and I have put forth tremendous hard work and sacrifices to become pharmacists so that we can make a difference in the lives of those patients that we serve, in particular, the people of Hawaii.

It is of utmost important that we have a building to called home and to continue our journey of providing the most advanced and absolute best care that modern medicine has to offer. I can tell you that our school is composed of great people, from intelligent students, wonderful administrative personnel, caring faculties and all the way to our highly qualified Dean (Dr. John Pezzuto) who has worked tirelessly and relentless to bring a most personalized and advanced care for the people of Hawaii that no others have been able to do. I know this because we have a very rigorous curriculum, goals of being one of the top schools in the nation, very dedicated professors and the most advance technologies to accomplish our mission. Without the funding, our school will lose its accreditation which we have worked very hard in the past six years to attain and the college will be forced to close its doors. If this happens, I believe it will have profound negative implications on the economic and health of the residence of Hilo, the Big Island, State of Hawaii and the Pacific Region.

I realize that the House Finance Committee must be inundated with letters pleading for help and I hope that this letter has added to that voice that will shine and can be heard collectively for the well-being and prosperous future of the people of Hawaii. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for your time and help regarding this matter!

Kind Regards,

Henry H. Truong
Student Pharmacist, Class of 2014
University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hawaii
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
hhtruong@hawaii.edu, (626) 641-8133

February 20, 2014

Dear Senator Sylvia Luke,

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I truly believe in the mission of the DKICP and the positive impact that it has and will continue to have on Hilo, the Big Island, and the state of Hawaii. Funding for a permanent building helps to assure the College can meet all of the professional accreditation standards and continue contributing to the State and the profession. As a Hawaii citizen and one who believes in the importance of higher education, I know I join many others including my family and friends who live on the Big Island in giving the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy my full support.

Sincerely,



Kristi Kaniho
1686-A Kilauea Ave.
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LATE

The House Committee on Finance

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Representative Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Comments**
HB 1652, HD1 – Relating to Higher Education

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 116-member organization that includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, as well as other healthcare organizations including durable medical equipment, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 1652, HD1, which would help ensure the financial and managerial feasibility of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) at the University of Hawaii by establishing a five-year pilot program under which the Hilo College of Pharmacy will be financially and managerially autonomous.

HAH supports the intent of this measure, which would ensure the success of DKICP and address the shortage of pharmacists in the state. Without a permanent building, the college is in imminent risk of losing accreditation—effectively closing DKICP and leaving Hawaii without a college of pharmacy, with potentially adverse impacts on the healthcare system statewide.

While HAH is not taking a position at this time, HAH would like to applaud the effort to address the shortage of pharmacists in the state. HAH looks forward to watching this bill advance this session, and will likely lend its support as the bill takes its final shape.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 1652, HD1.

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1652, H.D. 1

February 21, 2014

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1652, H.D. 1, establishes a five-year pilot program for the pharmacy school of the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UHH), commencing on July 1, 2014 and terminating on June 30, 2019, to which the pharmacy program shall be financially self-sufficient and managerially independent. The bill specifically: 1) establishes the UHH College of Pharmacy Special Fund which shall be administered by the Pharmacy Board of Governors who shall report to the University of Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents; 2) exempts the special fund from the central services expenses pursuant to Section 36-27, HRS, and the pro rata share of departmental administrative expenses pursuant to Section 36-30, HRS; 3) establishes the UHH College of Pharmacy Board of Governors; 4) appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds, special funds, general obligation bond funds, and revenue bond funds for the purposes of the Act; and 5) authorizes the issuance of general obligation bond funds (Director of Finance) and revenue bond funds (Board of Regents).

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) recognizes the bill's intent to provide a funding mechanism for the UHH Pharmacy School and offers the following comments:

- First, there is a practical inconsistency in attempting to issue long-term debt for a facility when the statutory basis is a “five-year pilot program.” Issuance of long-term debt is a formal, legal process that binds the issuer to the bond holders who provide the capital for the project. To be viable, the statutory authority must encompass, at the very least, the term of the bond financing mechanism. Additionally, the issuer needs to clearly demonstrate long-term financial sustainability with sufficient reserves and coverage ratios to address contingencies and unforeseen events. This will be especially critical in a newly created, standalone credit situation as proposed in this bill.
- Second, the Administration has included in the FY 15 Supplemental Budget \$33,000,000 (\$28,000,000 in general obligation bond funds and \$5,000,000 in revenue bond funds to be secured by UH system revenues) to construct a new instructional facility for the UHH Pharmacy School. At present, this would be the preferred funding method for the facility considering revenue streams of UHH, the pharmacy school, and the UH system, governance, and the availability of reasonable financing options. However, the Administration and B&F are open to considering and discussing any other sustainable financing strategies that can be developed. Our end objective is to ensure that the UH system and UHH can execute the construction of an appropriate pharmacy school.

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Allen Bagalso	Individual	Support	No

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Sincerely,

Jenni N Ueno

Student Pharmacist, Class of 2017

Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

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Colin Miura	Individual	Support	No

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Julianne Aquino	Individual	Support	No

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Roxann Van Bockel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to state that I think educational opportunities need to expanded for the residents of the Big Island. The Pharmacy school has been off to a flying start and would bring additional students and funds to the islands. Anything regarding health care education is valuable for this island where health care is difficult to obtain without flying off the island.

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Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments: The College of Pharmacy is part of the TEAM approach to health care going forward. Students of the pharmacy school are part of the team concept that is being pursued at the HHSC Primary Care Training Program in Hilo. Students trained here on Hawaii Island will be available to work in a team approach to health care, work in rural communities in Hawaii and across the country. We support the program and ask you to support HB1652. Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments.

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Keaau, HI 96749

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February 20, 2014

Committee on Finance
House of Representatives

Dear Committee Members:

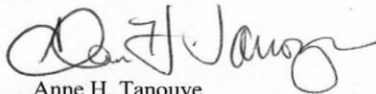
I am a current student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP), Class of 2017. I am writing to ensure your support in the assignment of the appropriate funds for the permanent building for the DKICP in next year's budget.

The undesirable consequence of not providing for funding for the building is the potential loss of national accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). The loss of accreditation would likely mean the demise of an excellent, high demand doctorate program for Hawaii. Our beloved late Senator Daniel K. Inouye had the vision, belief, and deep commitment that this College of Pharmacy must be pursued and developed because it will have definite socioeconomic benefits for all of Hawaii's citizens.

The DKICP is the only school in the Pacific Basin offering a doctorate degree in Pharmacy and therefore attracts world-class professors and top notch students from the United States and internationally. I excited and humbled to become a part of the DKICP community. Please consider my request for your support in the assignment of the funds needed for the permanent building for the DKICP.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Anne H. Tanouye



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eryl	Individual	Support	No

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