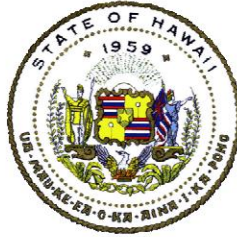


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 651  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS

By

Ted Sakai, Interim Director  
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House Committee on Public Safety  
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Room 309

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports House Bill 651 which proposes to amend Hawaii's Uniform Controlled Substances Act in Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding definitions consistent with federal law, clarifying the conditions for electronic transmittal of prescriptions, and adding and clarifying violations of prohibited acts. House Bill 651 would update Hawaii's controlled substance laws to allow for electronic controlled substance prescriptions. The amendments being proposed are consistent with that of Federal law under 21 CFR Parts 1300, 1304, 1306, and 1311 Electronic Prescriptions for controlled substances.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Representative Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
Representative Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

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Thursday, January 31, 2013; 9:00a.m.  
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**RE: HB 651-Relating to Electronic Prescriptions- In Support**

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ing, Members of the Committee:

My name is Todd Inafuku and I am testifying on behalf of CVS Caremark (CVS) in support of HB 651, Relating to Electronic Prescriptions that will allow practitioners, who are registered and authorized to prescribe controlled substances, to electronically prescribe and electronically convey prescriptions for controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV and V to a pharmacy of the patient's choice. The electronic conveyance of prescriptions will provide practitioners with a safer, more secure, and timely means to prescribe controlled substances in addition to the traditional method of providing the patient with a handwritten prescription for controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV, and V, or orally ordering or conveying a fax of a written prescription to a pharmacy for controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV and V.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter,

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**Testimony of  
Mihoko E. Ito  
on behalf of  
Walgreens**

DATE: January 29, 2013

TO: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino  
Chair, Committee on Public Safety  
*Submitted Via Capitol Website*

RE: **H.B. 651 – Relating to Electronic Prescriptions**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 9:00 am**  
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Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee on Public Safety:

I am Mihoko Ito, testifying on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”).

Walgreens operates more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawai`i, Walgreens now has 11 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawai`i.

Walgreens **supports** H.B. 651, which amends the Uniform Controlled Substances Act in Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding definitions consistent with federal law, clarifying the conditions for electronic transmittal of prescriptions, and adding and clarifying violations of prohibited acts.

The measure would allow practitioners to electronically prescribe controlled substances and to convey the prescription directly to the pharmacy of the patient’s choice. It will also provide practitioners with a safer, more secure, and timely means to prescribe controlled substances in addition to the conventional means of prescribing controlled substances. Passage of this legislation will continue to move forward the acceptance of e-prescribing, thus improving patient care.

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

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