

HB 1652

Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

Report Title: UH Hilo College of Pharmacy; Pilot Program; Special Fund; Appropriations (\$)

Description: 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. Effective July 1, 2525. (HB1652 HD1)

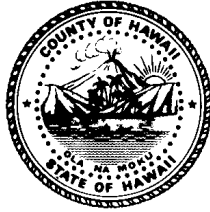
Companion: [SB2550](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: HRE, WAM

Introducer(s): CHOY

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



Walter K.M. Lau
Managing Director

Randall M. Kurohara
Deputy Managing Director

County of Hawai'i Office of the Mayor

25 Aupuni Street, Suite 2603 • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720 • (808) 961-8211 • Fax (808) 961-6553
KONA: 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy., Bldg. C • Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740
(808) 323-4444 • Fax (808) 323-4440

March 11, 2014

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 414
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

Aloha, Chair Taniguchi 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 Hawai'i 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.

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair

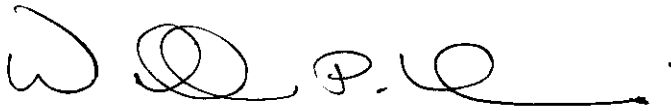
Page 2

March 11, 2014

In 2010, UH-Hilo accounted for an estimated \$200 million in direct expenditures, and the university is the second largest employer in East Hawai'i. Your support has allowed higher education to emerge as an economic engine on Hawai'i Island, and the continued growth of our higher educational system is integral to our economic success and our future. We believe the College of Pharmacy is essential to the continued success of our university.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. P. Kenoi', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR

DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI
Council Member
District 3



PHONE: (808) 961-8396
FAX: (808) 961-8912
EMAIL: donishi@co.hawaii.hi.us

HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

March 10, 2014

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Higher Education

Dear Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 1652, which provides funding for a permanent facility for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

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



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 11, 2014 at 2:45 p.m.

by
Donald O. Straney
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

HB 1652 HD1 – RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, 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. The bill establishes a UHH Pharmacy School Special Fund and a Board of Governors for the Pharmacy School; and appropriates funds 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.

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, which has been our preferred approach to funding this building.

We appreciate that the House included \$33M of funding several sources in HB 1700 HD1 for the construction of a permanent home for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. We support this approach to funding the building, provided it allows the college to be financially sound.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

To: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

2/22/2014

I am the Chair of the department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the College of Pharmacy. The College of Pharmacy stands in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB1652 HD1.**

We have had extremely productive interaction with and advice from the legislature and are confident that we can be successful because, thanks to the efforts of many in the legislature, system, and community, we are already up and running with a stable revenue stream. But we now need your help to insure our **financial independence and sustainability** within the constraints of our revenue as we continue the process of securing support for our building.

Our students and graduates are becoming an integral part of health care delivery in the state and will continue to expand their impact in rural and urban areas with the implementation of the new health care delivery initiatives, the shortage of M.D.s and the demographics. The domestic projections still predict a shortfall of pharmacists throughout the decade.

The community pharmacist is the only healthcare professional you can see without an appointment and is often the front-line of healthcare delivery.

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your service.

Ken Morris, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair of Pharmaceutical Science
and Special Gov. Employee, US FDA
College of Pharmacy
University of Hawaii at Hilo
722 South A'OHoku St.
Hilo, HI 96720
808-933-2807

March 10, 2014

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

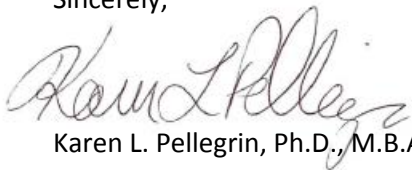
To whom it may concern:

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.

I also believe this pilot will have a positive impact on 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen L. Pellegrin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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

March 9, 2014

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

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 Senate Committee on Higher Education 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.

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

Sincerely,



Dianqing Sun, Ph.D.

March 9, 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 undergraduate students from throughout the State 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 Hawaii institutions.

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

Testimony for the Senate Committee on Higher Education

**Regarding HB 1652, HD1, Relating to Higher Education
Committee Hearing on March 11, 2014 at 2:45 pm
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 414**

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

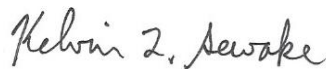
Aloha! My name is Kelvin Sewake and I am chair of the Friends of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. We are a steering committee made up of members of the broad community representing businesses, organizations, and concerned individuals.

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
Chair, Friends of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
Ph: 808-938-5559
Email: Gr82bfrienz@aol.com



Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce

117 Keawe Street, Suite 205
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720-2851
Phone: (808) 935-7178
Fax: (808) 961-4435
E-mail: admin@hicc.biz
www.hicc.biz

March 10, 2014

Executive Officer
Miles Yoshioka

2013 -2014 Board

President
Judith Fox-Goldstein

President-Elect
Chuck Erskine

Vice President
Ka'iu Kimura

Treasurer
Jon Miyata

Immediate Past President
Vaughn Cook

Directors

Howard Ainsley
Russell Chin

Jackie De Luz Watanabe

Jay Ignacio
Mike Kaleikini
Randy Kurohara
Kapena Lum
Keith Marrack

Tani Matsubara
Stephanie Nagata

Spencer Oliver
Glenn Santos

Wesley Segawa
Donald Straney
Gordon Takaki

Craig Takamine
Barry Taniguchi

Misti Tyrin
Steve Ueda
Carol VanCamp
William Walter
Noreen Yamane

**Testimony for the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Regarding HB 1652, HD1, Relating to Higher Education
Committee Hearing on March 11, 2014 at 2:45 pm
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 414**

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 of Pharmacy!

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 DKI 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.



Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce

117 Keawe Street, Suite 205
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720-2851
Phone: (808) 935-7178
Fax: (808) 961-4435
E-mail: admin@hicc.biz
www.hicc.biz

There is an extreme level 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 to deny funding for this building! We need to move forward into the future and make the choice that is BEST for our students, BEST for our economy and BEST for Hawaii's Future!

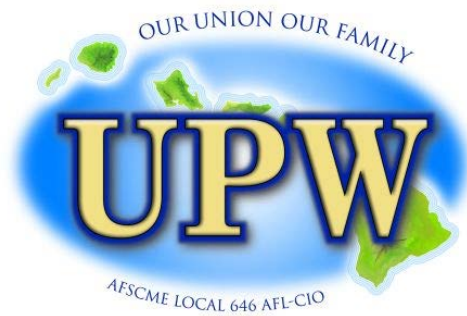
I would like to end my testimony by asking you to contemplate the disastrous ramifications if funding is denied and the College of Pharmacy. Who will answer to all these families, who will answer to all these disappointed students and who will address any objective reason as to why funding was denied? It's not a justifiable position. Please do the right thing!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Judith Fox-Goldstein

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 HIGHER EDUCATION
The Honorable Sen. Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Sen. Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, March 11, 2014
TIME OF HEARING: 2:45 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 414

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.



Hawai'i Island Economic
Development Board
www.hiedb.org

T:808-935-2180

F:808-935-2187

Hawaii Innovation Center at Hilo 117 Keawe St. Suite 107, Hilo, HI 96720-2811

James Takamine, Chair

Michael Kaleikini, Secretary
PGV/ORMAT

David Honma, Treasurer
FirstHawaiianBank

Greg Chun, PhD, Immediate Past Chair
Awa Kele LLC

Roberta Chu, Director
Bank of Hawaii

LeeAnn Crabbe, Director
Queen Liliuokalani Trust

Nahua Guilloz, Director
Parker Ranch

Richard Ha, Director
Hamakua Springs Country Farms

Richard Henderson, Director
Realty Investment Co., Ltd.

Jay Ignacio, Director
HELCO

Ashley Kierkiewicz, Director
Hastings & Pleadwell

Marvin Min, Director
Hawaii Gas

Barry Taniguchi, Director
KTA Super Stores

Bill Walter, Director
W.H. Shipman, Ltd.

Elisa Yadao, Director
HMSA

Jacqui Hoover, COO
Executive Director

**Testimony for the Hawai'i State Senate
Committee on Higher Education**

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

**Hearing on March 11, 2014 at 2:45 pm
Hawai'i State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street,
Conference Room 414**

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, 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.

/Jacqui L. Hoover
E-mail: jhoover@hiedb.org

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: brendan.poff@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 1:46:56 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendan Poff	Hsta	Support	No

Comments: Fund the program. I hear talking about how many mainlanders go to the school as reasoning to not fund the Pharmacy. That's absolutely insane. I'd like to see a mainland college not take kids from Hawaii. How would that look. Bottom line it's an option for our kids, it's a newer program, and Hilo should be proud to have it. Besides, out of state kids pay a higher rate so UH is making out well. Contain how they use their money and make it used appropriately.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: cvancamp3@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 2:19:17 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

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

Comments: Please support this bill. It is critical that the UHH College of Pharmacy receive funding for their new building this session!

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

Hawai'i Construction Alliance

P.O. Box 179441
Honolulu, HI 96817
(808) 348-8885

March 10, 2014

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair
and members
Committee on Higher Education
Hawai'i State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Support for HB1652 HD1, Relating to Higher Education.

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the committee:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance supports HB1652 HD1, which establishes a five-year pilot project at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy that ensures the financial self-sufficiency of the college and establishes a special fund for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Hawai'i Masons Union, Local 1 and Local 630; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local 3. Together, the four member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the four basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy currently includes over 500 student, faculty, and staff members; has graduated three classes of PharmDs; and contributes more than \$50M into the state's economy each year. It was also ranked as one of the top five new schools of pharmacy by US News and World Report in 2012. In order for the school to continue its impressive track record in research, education, and outreach, and to support its accreditation, it must secure funding for a permanent facility.

We find that HB1652 HD1 proposes an innovative approach to fund the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. Although a more customary approach – such as general obligation bonds – may be more practical in bringing about the construction of a permanent facility for the college, an alternative funding mechanism may also be successful.

Therefore, we respectfully request your committee to pass HB1652 HD1 to allow for this alternative funding option to remain viable.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Aloha,



Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
Executive Director
Hawai'i Construction Alliance
execdir@hawaiiiconstructionalliance.org

**Testimony of
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito
on behalf of
Walgreens**

DATE: March 10, 2014

TO: Senator Brian Taniguchi
Chair, Committee on Higher Education
Submitted Via HRETestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **H.B. 1652 H.D.1 – Relating to Higher Education**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 2:45pm
Conference Room: 414

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

We submit this testimony 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. 1652 H.D.1, which establishes a five-year pilot program at the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy and appropriates an unspecified amount to a special fund to ensure the college’s financial self-sufficiency.

The UH Hilo College of Pharmacy is the only school in the State that offers a doctoral degree in pharmacy, and provides vital training for future pharmacists in Hawaii. The College produces qualified graduates, including several who have been hired and employed by Walgreens. The College is essential to supporting Hawaii’s growing health care needs, and sustaining the pharmacy industry. Accordingly, Walgreens strongly supports providing funding for a permanent building so that the College can meet its accreditation requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.

Gary M. Slovin
Mihoko E. Ito
Tiffany N. Yajima
Jennifer C. Taylor

1099 Alakea Street, Suite 1400
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 539-0840

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 that will benefit the entire state of Hawai'i. The College has a faculty and student presence on Oahu, Maui and Kauai, and is working towards reaching out to others, but because of the way it has been set up throughout the accreditation process that began before students were admitted, it must be on the Big Island. The College of Pharmacy is already established in a rural setting, and it has taken a lot of sweat equity to get it to this point.

But beyond the location, 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.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: ajose3@hawaii.edu
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM*
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 8:48:15 AM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abraham Jose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: nishieast888@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM*
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 12:09:27 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DELBERT NISHIMOTO	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: tonyhuyn@hawaii.edu
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 1:14:47 PM
Attachments: [Testimony.Finance.2.20.docx](#)

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Huynh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

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.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: buller.laura@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 2:19:22 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Buller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Representatives and Senators, I am writing in favor of HB 1652. Establishing funding for the U.H. School of Pharmacy is critical to the continuation of the school and will help the State's economy as graduates of the program will potentially contribute to our economy. Thank you for your time and consideration. Laura Buller

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: koizumic@hawaii.edu
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 3:57:43 PM
Attachments: [Testimony HB1652 .docx](#)

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Koizumi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

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.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: annieckcross@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 6:33:55 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Cross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe sustainability in the State of Hawaii should be a top priority. I try to buy local and eat local, and I'm urging you to invest local for our keiki. As a teacher the school of Pharmacy is a great opportunity for my students to remain in-state and even on-island and still pursue a lucrative career. This is what I want to prepare them for! As a parent the program is just one more option for my son to choose from if I am lucky enough to have him choose to attend UH Hilo. I am in strong support of HB 1652.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: puamckeen@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 6:44:42 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hope McKeen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hilo relies heavily on the university for our financial stability and growth. They produce outstanding members of our workforce and it is imperative for our youth and community to have the opportunity to achieve greatness and success through programs such as the college of pharmacy in which the university is currently providing. It also provides opportunity for other pacific islanders to engage in scientific research that will one day tremendously affect the health and well being of our Hawaii and Pacific communities. Hilo is the opportune location for this research because of the wealth of cultural and natural resources that can be used to aid in finding cures for ailments that continually plague our community such as childhood cancers. Hilo provides the ideal venue for scientist and cultural practitioners to interact because of the depth of cultural knowledge and abundance of culturally grounded practitioners that would facilitate research to heal our keiki and the our kupuna.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: trentona@hawaii.edu
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM*
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 8:29:17 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trenton Aoki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: firstteacher70@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 8:42:39 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
erin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in support of higher education that supports our local youth.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

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.

Mahalo,

Megan Calderwood

From: [John Kometani](#)
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Subject: Funding support for College of Pharmacy Building at UH Hilo
Date: Sunday, March 09, 2014 10:26:35 PM

To whom this concerns:

I am strongly in support of funding for the College of Pharmacy Building at UH Hilo. Although the college has achieved full accreditation, this accreditation is in jeopardy due to the lack of a permanent facility to house the college. The College of Pharmacy is vital not only to addressing Hawaii's shortage of medical professionals but also to the State's overall economic development.

Thank you,

John Kometani

Science teacher

Kohala High School Science Dept.

Kapaau, HI

johnkometani@gmail.com

March 10, 2014

Aloha--

My name is Andrea Wilson, and I am writing to support the School of Pharmacy on the Big Island of Hawaii. As a middle school teacher, I have received a significant amount of support from the School of Pharmacy. They have offered Professional Development credits, sponsored supplies that are used in our classrooms, and built a relationship with our middle school. With their help and support, our students are beginning to look beyond blue-collar job possibilities, and believing that they, too, can be scientists. The School of Pharmacy has been invaluable in assisting both teachers and students as we move toward integrating the vital STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects into our common core curriculum. Please do your part to increase student achievement in Hawaii—support our School of Pharmacy, and enable them to continue this partnership.

Mahalo...

A. Wilson

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: francine.amoa@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 6:17:30 AM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francine Amoa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, I am writing to submit my strongest support for this bill. A building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is a critical part of making this college a success. This college has already shown tremendous promise and its growth to include other degree programs shows how competitive the children of Hawaii and the Pacific can be right here at home. Please vote in support of this bill and you will see that this college has what it takes to become a top notch pharmacy school program in the nation.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: hono@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 6:56:01 AM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hugh Y Ono	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I HAVE BEEN CONSISTENLY SUPPORTING THESE BILLS TO ALLOW THE BUILDING FACILITY FOR THE UHH SCHOOL OF PHARMACY TO BE FUNDED. AGAIN, PLEASE CONSIDER FUNDING THIS BY ANY MECHANISM POSSIBLE. IT WOULD BE A HUGE LOSS TO HAVE THIS PROGRAM ALREADY ESTABLISHED, UNDERWAY, AND POSITIVELY IMPACTING THIS STATE TO LOSE ITS ACCREDITATION. AGAIN, I APPEAL FOR YOUR SUPPORT. MAHALO.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: kimroseman2000@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:42:04 AM
Attachments: [Testimony.Finance.2.20.docx](#)

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Roseman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

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

Because DKICP is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy, which is the only recognized degree for becoming a licensed, registered pharmacist, there would be dire consequences and effects on health care in Hawai'i as well as all related health care organizations throughout the Pacific. 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.

The shortage of pharmacist in the Pacific region is the most severe in the nation according to data from Pharmacy Manpower Project. The UH College of Pharmacy directly confronts this problem while creating a solution simultaneously. 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.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: pohaimm@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM*
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 8:50:28 AM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C.R.P. Montague-Mullins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: adrake@ssfm.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM*
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 9:45:33 AM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
austen drake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: renee.ishisaka@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 9:51:26 AM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee Ishisaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The school of pharmacy offers a great opportunity, not only in the State of Hawaii, but also on the Island of Hawaii. They have an established program that is thriving and the lack of a dedicated permanent structure is threatening their accreditation status. Losing this status would make it a much less attractive program and it would be a shame to see such a popular, successful program fail due to this reason.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

March 11th, 2014

TO: The Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair, Higher Education Committee
The Honorable Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair, Higher Education Committee
Senate Committee Member on Higher Education

Date: 3/11/2014
Time: 14:45
Place: HRE room 414

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; analysis 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.

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.

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/CollegeofPharmacyExectuiveSummaryJune2004.pdf>

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

⁶ Am J Pharm Educ. 2013;77(5)


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

Caitrin Vordtriede, Dr. Anna Barbato, Dr. Payton Wong, and most recently Dr. Katherine Anderson and Dr. Candance Tan); this list does not include other ancillary staff that have resigned, or Pharmacy Science Faculty that are no longer with the program (Dr. Robert Borris, Dr. Eugene Konorev; Ms. Elizabeth Heffernan, Ms. Elizabeth Ryan). Although faculty leaving en mass from a College of Pharmacy is not an accreditation standard, DKICP would certainly be in trouble if ACPE considered it an accreditation standard. 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 these 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,



Douglas B. Adriance-Mejia, Pharm.D.
1200 Ainako Ave
Hilo HI 96720

808-345-1533
(rooree@hotmail.com)

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

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

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: davidtarnas@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 11:31:33 AM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Tarnas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. My name is David Tarnas from the town of Waimea in Hawaii County. I am a strong supporter of the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy and recognize the important role the College has begun to serve in the economic and social well-being of our Hawaii Island Community. Please support the funding for the construction of the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy. The preferable route would be to include the funding in the CIP budget as requested by the Board of Regents and the UH administration. This ensures the long term strength of the institution and is a productive investment of public funds to achieve measurable public benefits. If the CIP funding is not possible at this time, please support HB 1652 HD1 as the next best option to secure construction funding for the College of Pharmacy at UH-Hilo. Thank you for your consideration of our community's request. Aloha, David David Tarnas P.O. Box 6882 Kamuela, HI 96743

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [HRETestimony](#)
Cc: jteruya@mac.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1652 on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM
Date: Monday, March 10, 2014 12:19:29 PM

HB1652

Submitted on: 3/10/2014

Testimony for HRE on Mar 11, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Teruya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Members of the Higher Education Committee, Please support HB1652 relating to the Daniel Inouye College of Pharmacy. I would like to see Hawaii High School graduates have the opportunity to go to college in Hawaii, graduate, and get jobs in Hawaii to support our economy. Thank you.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov