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Comments: Senators, Ensuring patients have close monitoring of highly addictive medication is essential. Equally important is access to primary and specialty care providers who can monitor the patient's response to the drug and ongoing need. My only concern with this bill is "placing the cart before the horse" by requiring limitations on Schedule III medications without the increase in access to primary care providers. I encourage you to also support the expansion of scope of practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to expand access to the community along with encouraging (and funding) innovative methods to reach out to the people of Hawai'i such as mobile clinics and retail clinics. Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony in support of this bill.

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