

HB1757 HD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO HEALTH.
Report Title:	Prescription Drugs; Pharmacy; Customized Patient Medication Packages
Description:	Authorizes a pharmacy to provide a customized patient medication package to any patient of an institutional facility or any member of the general public, subject to certain conditions. (HB1757 HD1)
Companion:	SB2390
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH, JDL
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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 1757 HD1
RELATING TO HEALTH**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 17, 2016
Time: 9:45 am

Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The department opposes the bill as we feel it is unnecessary, as
- 3 current HRS already allows pharmacies to custom package prescription drugs as asked for in this
- 4 proposal.
- 5 **Offered Amendments:** No amendments offered.
- 6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1757 HD1 – Relating to Health

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 1757 HD1**. The bill authorizes a pharmacy to provide a customized patient medication package to any patient of an institutional facility or any member of the general public, subject to certain conditions.

Medication administration can be very complicated, especially when it involves multiple solid oral dosage forms. According to a report done in 2011 by the Centers for Disease Control, there was one death every 19 minutes due to unintentional drug overdose in the United States. Currently, in Hawaii, only individuals residing in an institution may receive medications that are in customized packaging for single dose, decreasing the chance of an unintentional medication overdose.

The Council appreciates the legislative changes in the measure by adding “patient’s guardian” to address situations where the patient is not their own guardian and therefore, would not be able to provide written or oral consent for a pharmacy to provide the customized patient medication packaging.

Customized patient medication packaging that is prepared by a pharmacist for a specific patient and that contains one or more prescribed solid oral dosage forms would enable individuals with DD who require personal assistance in taking their medication to become less dependent on their assistance. By having customized packaging, they could learn to take their medication independently with less risk of over dosage.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB 1757 HD1**.

Sincerely,

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