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Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 1757
RELATING TO HEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: January 29, 2016 Room Number: 329
Time: 8:30 a.m.

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. The bill is also
4 problematic as it attempts to re-define “pharmacist” as a “practitioner” which is contrary to
5 current law.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

7 **Offered Amendments:** No amendments offered.

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STATE OF HAWAII
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January 29, 2016

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Au Belatti and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1757 – Relating to Health

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF HB 1757**. 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 respectfully asks for your consideration to amend the bill as follows: Page 1, Section 1, line 9: Add "patient's guardian," after patient's caregiver to read, "The pharmacy has obtained the written consent of the patient, patient's caregiver, patient's guardian, or prescribing practitioner; and". There will be situations where the patient is not their own guardian and therefore, would not be able to provide written consent for a pharmacy to provide the customized patient medication packaging. Adding "patient's guardian" would address these situations.

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.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of
HB 1757** with a suggested amendment.

Sincerely,


Wayhette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Friday, January 29, 2016
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1757, RELATING TO HEALTH.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy (“Board”). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1757, Relating to Health, which would allow a pharmacy to dispense customized patient medication packages to patients in an institutional facility or to the general public pursuant to the consent of the patient, patient’s caregiver, or prescribing practitioner and a valid prescription.

The Board has not had an opportunity to review this bill or discuss the proposed amendments as this matter has not yet been a topic of board discussion. The Board will be discussing this measure at their next scheduled meeting on February 25, 2016.

If the intent of the bill is to enable pharmacies to provide medication packages, the committee may wish to consider replacing the term “practitioner” on page 2 line 6 of the bill with the term “registered pharmacist”, since the term “practitioner” refers to the individual that prescribes the drugs and “registered pharmacist” refers to the person licensed to practice in a pharmacy.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1757.

ADULT FOSTER HOMECARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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January 28, 2016

Norma Tan

President
Adult Foster HomeCare
Association of Hawaii

RE: **HB1757 – Testimony in Support** – HLT 1/29/16 – Rm. 329 8:30 a.m.

Thelma Ortal

Immediate Past President
Adult Foster HomeCare
Association of Hawaii

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committees:

We **support HB1757**, which authorizes a pharmacy to provide a customized patient medication package to any patient of an institutional facility.

As you know, caregivers in Community Care Foster Family Home (foster homes) are responsible for patients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This includes the responsibility to ensure access to prescribed medication, which means caregivers in foster homes must help procure such medication. This bill would make it easier for foster home caregivers to obtain needed medication.

We want the best outcome for our clients, who we consider part of our family. A sense of being part of a family is vital to any human being. Having the needed medication would ensure the best possible outcome for our clients.

For these reasons, we **support** HB 1757.

Very truly yours,

Norma Tan
President

About AFHA

The Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii (AFHA) is the industry trade association of providers under the Community Care Foster Family Home program under the Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii. With a membership of almost 750 providers, AFHA's mission is to promote the interests of providers as well as resident clients. AFHA members provide 24-hour care to resident clients 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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HB1757

Submitted on: 1/28/2016

Testimony for HLT on Jan 29, 2016 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elsa Talavera	All Island Case Management	Support	Yes

Comments: I am in support of HB 1757. Customized patient medication packages will improve compliance, improve safety in self administration and overall improve health of the individual.

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January 28, 2016

Joo Kim
5 Minute Pharmacy Kalihi
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Dear Joo:

Per your request, I am writing this letter to let you know about the benefits of Strip Packaging method of medication administration to my care home.

I have been using the strip packaging since last year and I am happy to say that this is much better than the bottle or bubble pack method of dispensing medication. It is convenient as the packaging indicates the time when to administer the medication and each package has the proper number of prescribed pills. All we need to do is check the starting packages when we receive the box to make sure it matches the prescriptions. The pharmacy even cut the pills in half, if prescribed. Strip packaging does save our time, ensure safe and accurate administration of medication.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Marlyn Acuram
Owner
Aloha Care Homes Corporation

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Thelma Sianquita
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Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support HB 1757. Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Support for HB1757

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Derek Tengan and I am a pharmacist and business owner here in Honolulu, Hawaii. I am writing to testify my support for HB1757. I witness first-hand on a daily basis the positive impacts that customized patient medication packages have on our patients and our community. Assisting not only patients, but their caregivers and families with medication administration proves to improve patients' adherence to medication and therefore overall well-being.

I support HB1757 while proposing a few changes to the language.

1. Regarding Item 1 (Page 1 Line 8) - For consent to use the customized patient medication package, consent should not be limited to written--consent could be verbal or written.
2. Regarding Item 2 (Page 1 Line 11) – This would be clarified written as follows: "the consent is accompanied with the patient's current prescription and the customized patient medication package meets the requirements of 328-16..." – Here, the statement is clarified by inserting the term "customized patient medication package" since it is the package that must comply with standards, not the consent.
3. Regarding Page 2 Line 6 - "Pharmacist has the same meaning as practitioner in section 461-1." - I do not feel that this line is necessary for this bill at this moment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Derek Tengan, PharmD

January 28, 2016
Support for HB1757

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Joo Kim and I am an active member of the pharmacy community, as well as manager of business development. I am writing to testify my support for HB1757. I work with caregivers and physicians on a daily basis, finding ways to improve their pharmacy experience and overall well-being through coordinating services for their patients. Customized patient medication packages help patients organize their medications as well as help caregivers and family members care for their loved ones. This packaging helps patients remain compliant as well as be able to take control of their health.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Joo Kim

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Support for HB1757

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Keri Oyadomari and I am a community pharmacist here in Honolulu, Hawaii. I would like to testify my support for HB1757. As a community pharmacist, I see a majority of our elderly patients on multiple medications. The confusion of knowing what to take and when to take it greatly impacts their ability to be compliant. We have already seen a multitude of our patients benefit from our existing customized patient medication package. This not only eases the burden on multiple medications for them but also their caregivers and families.

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Sincerely,

Keri Oyadomari, PharmD



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health
January 29, 2016 at 8:30 am

By
Carolyn Ma, Interim Dean
UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

HB 1757 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and members of the committee:

I am Carolyn Ma, Interim Dean of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. We believe there may need to be measures that allow access for patients and necessary drug prescription in geographically challenging areas. We look forward to see the progress of this measure and how we can help in the planning process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
WANNETTE GAYLORD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1757. I AM A CARE HOME OPERATOR AND I BELIEVE THAT A PHARMACIST CUSTOMIZING A PATIENT MEDICATION PACKAGE WOULD ASSIST IN FACILITATING THE MED PASS. THANK YOU FOR READING MY TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1757.

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