

# SB2390

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.
Companion:	<a href="#">HB1757</a>
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH
Introducer(s):	BAKER, KIDANI, Gabbard

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2016

Thursday, February 18, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2390, RELATING TO HEALTH.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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 Senate Bill No. 2390, Relating to Health, which would authorize 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.

Since this bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) Chapter 328, the Board will defer to the Department of Health, however, would like to offer comments pertaining to the definition of “Pharmacist” on page 2, lines 6-7. The inclusion of a new definition for “Pharmacist” should refer to the definition of “Registered pharmacist” as codified in HRS chapter 461. The proposed definition of “Pharmacist” in the bill refers to the same meaning of “practitioner” as found in HRS section 461-1, which is currently defined to mean “an individual licensed by the State or authorized by the laws of the State to **prescribe** prescription drugs within the scope of the person’s practice.” Defining “Pharmacist” with the term “Practitioner” will conflict with the definition of “Registered

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pharmacist” in HRS chapter 461, because pharmacists do not have prescriptive authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2390.



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February 18, 2016

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: SB 2390 – Relating to Health

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SB 2390**. 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 8: Add “or verbal,” and line 9: Add “patient’s guardian,” after patient’s caregiver to read, “The pharmacy has obtained the written or verbal 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.

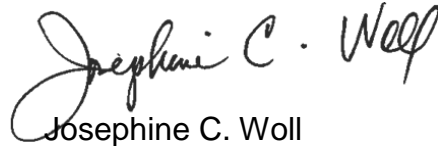
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of SB 2390** and for your consideration of the above proposed amendment.

Sincerely,



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Chair