



HAWAII SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

SB303 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Senator Jill Tokuda., Chair; Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chair

- Monday, March 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
- Conference Room 211

HSAC Supports SB303 SD1:

Good Morning Chair Tokuda; Vice Chair Kouchi; And Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson, Chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, an organization of more than thirty treatment and prevention agencies across the State.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition supports the Hawaii drug take-back and education initiative to coordinate and increase the safe return and disposal of drugs and the narcotics enforcement and prescription drug monitoring advisory committee to advise the department of public safety narcotics enforcement division.

The Narcotic Policy Work Group reviewed the research and prepared the recommendations for this bill.

The Narcotic Policy Work Group, led by Dr. Miscovitch and Senator Green, is comprised of:

- numerous physicians, including pain specialists
- medical representatives from the hospitals,
- representative from Public Safety,
- representative from Department of Health,
- Judge Alm,
- pharmacists,
- VA,
- representative from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition,
- representatives from HMSA,
- representative from Kaiser,
- representative from hospice,
- representative from Hawaii Medical Association,

Working together, we can improve outcomes and reduce costs.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify and are available for questions.

**Comments of
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on behalf of
Walgreens**

DATE: February 28, 2015

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means

Submitted Via WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **S.B. 303, SD1 – Relating to Health
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Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

We submit these comments 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 20 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawai`i.

Walgreens **supports** S.B. 303, S.D. 1, which establishes the Hawaii drug take-back and education initiative to coordinate and increase the safe return and disposal of drugs and the narcotics enforcement and prescription drug monitoring advisory committee to advise the department of public safety narcotics enforcement division.

Walgreens believes that this measure, which is partly aimed at educating the public regarding the safe disposal and return of prescription drugs, will make a positive impact in the public awareness of how to dispose of prescription drugs. Walgreens also notes that the bill proposes the formation of a narcotics enforcement and prescription drug monitoring advisory committee. The Committee will be helpful in monitoring statewide statistics regarding prescription drugs, and providing recommendations regarding education programs that provide training to practitioners regarding pain management and safe prescribing. These types of educational programs will help address issues of patient

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misuse or abuse of prescription drugs, and safe prescribing protocols for prescription drugs.

Walgreens notes that, in order to implement the program outlined in the bill, an appropriation to the department of public safety narcotics enforcement division may be necessary, and we would support such an appropriation being made.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 303
RELATING TO HEALTH

By
Keith Kamita

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

Monday, March 2, 2015, 1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying today as a private citizen in support of Senate Bill 303 SD1 which proposes to establish the Hawaii drug take-back and education initiative to coordinate and increase the safe return and disposal of drugs and the narcotics enforcement and prescription drug monitoring advisory committee within the department of health to advise the department of public safety narcotics enforcement division. Both the electronic prescription monitoring program and the drug take back program reside within the department of public safety's narcotics enforcement division. If the legislature feels there is a need for a narcotics enforcement and prescription drug monitoring advisory committee then this committee should be established within the department of public safety and not the department of health. There should also be language inserted into SB303 SD1 to list as one of the duties of this advisory committee to assist the narcotics enforcement division with expert testimony and review of documents of practitioners and patients suspected of violating Hawaii's uniform controlled substance act Section 329.

I also request that SB303 SD1 be amended by changing language to mandate that the requirements of the take-back program follow both State and Federal law. On page 3, line 15 it should be amended to read as follows:

...requirements of State and federal law, each quarter...

The department of public safety's narcotics enforcement division has run a pharmaceutical controlled substance practitioner take back program for over

three decades and in 2010 started an unfunded program allowing the public to turn in their unwanted prescription (controlled and non-controlled) drugs to the NED at scheduled events for disposal. NED has conducted these take-back events partnering with Federal, State, County and community partners on quarterly bases; however the issue has always been funding for the disposal and staffing overtime resulting from these events that are usually held on the weekends. With the DEA discontinuing their semiannual take-back events in 2014 and passing legislation to allow pharmacies to take-back pharmaceutical take back drugs at a cost to the pharmacy or the patient returning the drug the NED has continued its pharmaceutical drug take-back events. NED did this due to the possibility of theft, diversion and the recycling of these returned medications from the pharmacy taking back these drugs.

Senate Bill 303 SD1 as written does not appropriate any funding or manpower resources to accomplish the requirements of this bill. In researching the cost for the NED to continue this program I estimate that the annual cost to be approximately \$44,933.00 utilizing NED's existing manpower. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

ATTACHMENT 1

Prescription Drug Take back Cost

	times per year	Locations	Staff per location	OT per HR	Per dium per trip total @20	Car @ 80	Air fare RT	SR 24 (50.62) per OT hr OT TOTAL	TOTAL COST
Oahu	2	4	3	6	0	0	0	7289.28	7289.28
Hawaii	2	3	3	8	360	480	4500	7298.28	12638.28
							250 per		
Maui	2	3	3	6	360	480	3150	5466.96	9456.96
							175 per		
Kauai	4	Box	2	8	160	320	1040	3239.68	4759.68
							130 per		
Molokai	4	Box	2	8	160	320	1400	3239.68	5119.68
							175 per		
Lanai	3	Box	2	8	120	240	1080	2429.76	3869.76
Boxes and supplies@1000							180 per		1000
Disposal fee @200	4								800
								TOTAL:	44933.64

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