

HB1299 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. (HB1299 HD1)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): MIZUNO, EVANS, SOUKI



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March 16, 2017

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health

Re: HB 1299, HD1 – Relating to Health

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 1299, HD1, which would authorize pharmacists to provide a customized patient medication package (“package”) the institutionalized patient or member of the general public. HMSA provides comments on this Bill.

HMSA’s goal in the provision of pharmacy services is to ensure our members have access to affordable, high quality medication. We believe that optimal drug therapy results in positive medical outcomes, which helps to manage overall health care costs. To that end, HMSA appreciates the intent of HB 1299, HD1 - to help our members with their medication compliance.

The safety of our members is paramount. Processes must be in place to ensure the quality and safety of the pharmacy packaging process in order to decrease the potential of errors and unintended adverse events affecting our members. The process of packaging the medications also meets the highest standards. Customized patient medication packages must meet the U.S. Pharmacopeia standards and National Formulary standards.

Ensuring a sufficiently designed and staff process will involve an investment, and this will impact the cost of healthcare. Given that, we would want to ensure that this measure does not contemplate a mandate for customized patient medication packaging.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on HB 1299, HD1.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1299 HD1 – Relating to Health

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **appreciates the intent of HB 1299 HD1, however, does not feel the passage of the bill is necessary.** 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.

Last year similar measures (HB 1757 and SB 2390 – Relating to Health) were heard about customized patient medication packaging. With the support of Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair of the Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health, the Council worked closely with Peter Oshiro, Department of Health Environmental Health Program Manager (Sanitation/Food and Drug) to assure such packaging was possible without further legislation. We learned that the driver of the measures was a pharmacist-owner who wanted to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 328, Section 328-15 (7) and 328-16 (a) to explicitly allow for a pharmacy to package and dispense medication for a patient that contains one or more different drugs prescribed by the patient's doctor.

Although it was with all good intentions to benefit the consumer, based on information from DOH, and their willingness to disseminate a Memo clarifying the interpretation of the Chapters mentioned above, the Council felt that there was no further need to advocate for enabling legislation. DOH created an Informational Notice dated March 17, 2016, that clarified the practice of customizing patient medication packaging.

The Council was able to share the Informational Notice with individuals who wanted their medication in customized packaging. We found Aiea Medical Center,


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Tamura's Pharmacy at Waianae, and Times Supermarket Pharmacies could offer such customized patient medication packaging. We contacted Times Pharmacy which confirmed customized medication packaging comes in daily doses on weekly "blister card". That the individual needs to cut their daily dosage off the blister card.


Based on the Informational Notice from the Department of Health, and the fact some pharmacies are able and willing to provide such customized patient medication packaging, we do not feel further legislation is needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony supporting the intent of HB 1299 HD1.

Sincerely,



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RE: **H.B. 1299, H.D.1 – Relating to Health**
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Walgreen Co. (“Walgreens”). Walgreens operates stores at more than 8,200 locations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In Hawaii, Walgreens now has 20 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii.

Walgreens **supports the intent** of HB 1299, H.D.1 which authorizes a pharmacy to provide a customized patient medication package to any patient of an institutional facility or any member of the general public under certain conditions.

Walgreens believes that the existing law already permits for the use of customized medication packaging in Hawaii. Walgreens utilizes customized medication packaging in its specialty pharmacy setting in working with higher needs patients. We believe that allowing pharmacists with the ability to provide customized packaging to patients provides a convenience that will ultimately help patients with adherence to their medication.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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March 13, 2017
Support for HB1299

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Joo Kim and I am an active member of the pharmacy community. I would like to testify my support for HB1299. I work with caregivers on a daily basis and hear their issues and concerns regularly. I work together with them to improve their patient care. Working with caregivers and their clients, I witness first-hand 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 and therefore overall well-being.

Last year, the department of health wrote a memo stating their support for the customized medication packaging. We would like it to be written into statute so there is no question about the legality of the packaging. Our caregivers in the community are still concerned because it is not specifically stated in the statutes, and when administrators change so does the interpretation of the memo. I work with many care homes and healthcare facilities who struggle with medication compliance with their patients. Customized medication packaging aids patient and their families in proper administration reduces the pill burden that taking many medications can cause.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Joo Kim, CPhT

March 13, 2017
Support for HB1299

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Derek Tengan and I am a pharmacist and small business owner here in Honolulu, Hawaii. I would like to testify my support for HB1299. As a business owner, 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 and therefore overall well-being. In addition, it has proven to save insurance providers sums of money due to less hospital readmissions and better adherence to medication. Customized medication packages are no cost to patients or insurance providers, yet save both parties money in the long term.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Derek Tengan, PharmD

March 13, 2017
Support for HB1299

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 HB1299. 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. This method of medication administration has been proven to save stakeholders involved money and also reduce large hospitalization costs. There is no law saying it is illegal, however it poses confusion within our community when there is no written law in place stating it is acceptable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Keri Oyadomari, PharmD

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