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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 1406
RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI , CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 8, 2017

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** This bill seeks to expand the scope of services of Hawaii pharmacists
3 permitting them to furnish specific medications and services that support better public health
4 outcomes. These may be furnished in accordance with written policies, procedures, protocols or
5 standing orders developed collaboratively with health professionals. The furnishing pharmacists
6 must have received appropriate training required by these policies, procedures, protocols or
7 standing orders and approved by bodies or agencies listed in the bill. The Department notes the
8 public health value of this bill to improve immunizations, smoking cessation, access to naloxone
9 and epi-pens, and family planning. We appreciate the intent of H.B. 1406 and are providing
10 comments and recommendations.

11 1) The Department is pleased to see reference to HRS section 461-11.4, which assures that
12 for adolescents ages 14–17 years the medical home needs to be involved in vaccine
13 administration (specifically ordering/prescription and then reporting back).

- 1 2) The new wording (c[ii]) seems to only allow influenza vaccination for adolescents; our
2 preference would be to use the same wording as the previous section, e(ii), which allows
3 for administration of any of the recommended adolescent vaccines.
- 4 3) We recommend adding a requirement to document *adult* vaccinations in the department’s
5 immunization registry with a record to be provided to the vaccinated individual, similar
6 to what is in HRS section 461-11.4 pertaining to this.
- 7 4) We have concerns about pharmacists ordering and performing an undefined range of
8 laboratory tests independent of the patient’s primary care provider or health care delivery
9 team.
- 10 5) We have concerns regarding pharmacists ordering travel medications independent of the
11 patient’s primary care provider or health care delivery team. If these include
12 medications, such as antibiotics and anti-malarial drugs, a medical history is needed and
13 possibly access to the patient’s EHR to determine appropriate medications and dosage,
14 and to document medications prescribed.
- 15 6) Remove “State or local health department programs” from the approval process for
16 pharmacist trainings.
- 17 7) The policies, procedures, protocols and standing orders appear to be only for individual
18 pharmacists. Consideration should be given to the possibility of having them also with
19 pharmacies.

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21 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Tuesday, February 7, 2017
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1406, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF
PHARMACY.**

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. 1406, Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy, that would allow pharmacists to provide certain health related services, for which they have received the appropriate education and training for, and to furnish certain prescription drugs for the purpose of providing healthcare as part of a primary health care team to serve the interests of the patient and the public health in general.

The Board has not had an opportunity to review this bill during a public-noticed Board meeting but will be doing so at its next meeting which is scheduled for February 16, 2017. At that time the Board will consider whether amendments are needed to clarify the pharmacist’s authority to “dispense” a certain prescription drug without a valid prescription and to ensure that the amendments provide for appropriate training.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. 1406.



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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health

By

Carolyn Ma, Pharm D, BCOP
Dean

UH Hilo - Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

HB 1406 – RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the Committee:

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am the Dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The college fully supports this bill that will expand certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

Pharmacists are considered the drug therapy experts among health care professions. Training of pharmacists includes foundational sciences (2-4 years) with advanced professional years of study (4 years) that include extensive training in pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, disease pathophysiology and drug therapeutics. In relation to HB 1406, the DKICP curriculum certifies, via the American Pharmacists Association (APHA), training in immunization administration (first year) and smoking cessation (2nd year). Students are expected to apply these skills in their experiential rotation courses throughout the rest of their training and also in numerous community health screening events. Courses in toxicology, pain management, opioid abuse syndrome, contraception, reproductive pharmacology and women's health, and pediatrics are taught in the 3rd professional year. Education is provided throughout the four year professional curriculum on medication assessment and therapeutic recommendations via related laboratory tests and subjective/objective findings related to disease and drug therapy. A similar curriculum is presented in all U.S. accredited (ACPE) colleges of pharmacy.

Successful completion of the curriculum results in the terminal degree, the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD). Graduates are then eligible to sit for the national licensing exam (NABPLEX). Successful passing score of the NABPLEX, allows an individual to practice as a Registered Pharmacist (RPh) who is then regulated by the Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) through a state Board of Pharmacy.

In addition, many pharmacy school graduates will continue on to post-graduate residency programs for further clinical training in general pharmacy practice as well as in specialty areas that include but are not limited to ambulatory care, community pharmacy, oncology, nutrition, nuclear medicine, psychiatry and mental health, and critical care medicine. Specialty practice pharmacists may also be board certified by the

Board of Pharmacy Specialties, an autonomous division of the APHA. This extensive education fully supports the additions outlined in the bill in Chapter 461, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Pharmacists are the most accessible community health care professionals and work with health care colleagues in a number of different practice areas such as in acute care hospitals, ambulatory care clinics and long term care facilities. Health care colleagues such as physicians, nurses, psychologists, naturopaths, dieticians, public health professionals rely on pharmacists as a vital source of drug therapy expertise and as partners in providing safe, effective and cost efficient drug therapy management for best practice patient care.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HB 1406.

House Committee on Health

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

9:30 A.M.

Conference Room 329

Re: **HB 1406 - Relating to Pharmacy Practice**

To: Della Au Belatti, Chair
Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

From: Forrest Batz, PharmD
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice
The Daniel K Inouye College of Pharmacy
Hilo, HI

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Many pharmacists practice in inter-disciplinary team care settings with physicians, nurses, psychologists, and dieticians to name a few, to provide safe, effective and cost efficient drug therapy.

Pharmacists provide numerous services directly to patients such as vaccinations, medication therapy management for chronic disease management, and, assessment and counseling for complex medication regimens.

I humbly ask for your support of **HB 1406** to define all currently provided services in various pharmacy practice areas.

Thank you for allowing me to testify, mahalo for your consideration.

Testimony Presented Before the House Committee Health

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 9:30 am

By Jhoana Paula M Gonzales

HB 1406 - Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy

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Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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DATE: February 6, 2017

TO: Representative Della Au Belatti
Chair, Committee on Health
Submitted Via Capitol Website

RE: **H.B. 1406 – Relating to Practice of Pharmacy**
Hearing Date: February 7, 2017 at 9:30am
Conference Room: 329

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee on 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 **strongly supports** H.B. 1406, which expands the definition of “practice of pharmacy” to include furnishing life-saving medications such as Naloxone and Epi-pens, furnishing hormonal contraception and smoking cessation therapies, administering immunizations for bacterial and viral infections like the flu, pneumonia and hepatitis A, and ordering and performing laboratory tests to determine appropriate medication uses and outcomes.

Walgreens believes that pharmacists should be permitted to practice at the top of their training. In Hawaii, registered pharmacists now undergo a six-year doctorate program that includes education assessment training and a one-year pharmacy internship. Pharmacists today routinely provide direct patient care based on scope of practice regulations, and deliver care beyond the traditional practice of dispensing prescription medications. In addition to dispensing medications, pharmacists now provide additional services such as immunizations, wellness screenings, routine laboratory tests, and routine drug therapy-related patient assessment procedures. Pharmacists also are often are

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the last point of contact a patient has with a medical professional, especially for those with chronic conditions requiring complex medication therapies. Pharmacists already are highly trained to provide these services, and this bill would align Hawaii's pharmacy laws with the current practice of pharmacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure.



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February 7, 2017

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: HB 1406 – Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy

Dear Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 1406, amends the current definition of “practice of pharmacy.” HMSA has serious concerns with this Bill, and we offer comments.

This Bill and HB 156, which also is on this morning’s Committee agenda, deal with a pharmacist’s scope of practice. These measures seek to increase the pharmacist’s scope of practice to include services offered by healthcare providers and to allow pharmacists to be comparably reimbursed for those services.

HMSA recognizes clinical pharmacists deliver direct patient care and as such serve a valuable role in our healthcare system. With this responsibility comes the need for additional training such as accredited pharmacy residency programs. While HMSA supports the benefits that extended scope clinical pharmacists can bring to patient care, we remain concerned that the ability to ensure rigorous credentialing and verification of proper training in order to protect patient safety are not in this proposed statute, nor in HB 1406, nor in the current infrastructure of our regulatory bodies.

We recently met with pharmacists to better understand the scope of additional services they would like to assume. We remain committed to working with the pharmacist community to seek consensus as to how we can more fully engage pharmacists in our network of providers of healthcare services.

Having said that, we wish to bring to the attention of the Committee concerns we have specific to HB 1406:

- The amendment to the current definition of “practice of pharmacy” removes the requirement that certain medical interventions by pharmacist be performed “..in accordance with written policies, procedures, or protocols developed collaboratively by health professionals, including physicians and surgeons, pharmacists, and registered nurses....” This removes oversight by the healthcare facility, health care service, or pharmacy with which the pharmacist is associated.



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- This bill makes pharmacists to be providers in and of themselves, instead of practitioners “in concurrence with a ‘health care facility’ and ‘health care service’ as defined in section 323D-2. Most existing relationships between HMSA and pharmacists is governed by contracts with the “pharmacy” rather than the individual pharmacist.
- If the pharmacist is to be considered a provider, the appropriate training and certification and/or licensing must be specified in statute.
- . HMSA is undergoing the transformation of our payment system to providers, moving away from the fee-for-service model. Reimbursement to pharmacists could fall outside the payment transformation model resulting in higher cost to our member.

Given these concerns, we suggest the Committee may wish to consider deferring this measure in lieu of a workgroup to include pharmacists, providers, and plans to more fully examine the issues related to expanding the pharmacist scope of practice.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on HB 1406. Your consideration of our concerns is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Director, Government Relations

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Glick	Hawaii Community Pharmacists Association	Support	No

Comments: Pharmacists are vital members of the health care team and have proven that they can improve the health of patients by the care that they provide. This bill would update the current pharmacy laws to match other states pharmacy practice. This update of the practice of pharmacy in Hawaii would enable pharmacists to improve access to preventative therapies such as immunizations, smoking cessation, epi-pens and naloxone in a manner that contributes to public health. Please pass this legislation.

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Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Conference Room 329; 9:30 AM

RE: HB 1406 – Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy – In Support, Request Amendment

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members of the Committee:

CVS Health is in strong support of HB 1406 which amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy".

This bill modernizes the scope of the practice of pharmacy as pharmacists are increasingly equipped to provide increased healthcare services to patients. HB 1406 permits licensed pharmacists, after having fulfilled additional appropriate training as outlined in the bill, to offer expanded patient services such as furnishing travel medications, tobacco/nicotine replacement therapy and immunizations.

CVS Health believes HB 1406 is well intended and an appropriate measure that may improve access to many vital health services via community pharmacists.

We do request one minor amendment be considered. On Page 5, Line 8, the bill refers to "Epi-pens". However, as Epi-Pen is a brand name we would suggest the non-brand specific "epinephrine auto-injector" as an alternative.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support. We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

Respectfully,



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Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Health
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By
Wesley Sumida, Pharmacist

HB 1406 - Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy

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calvin wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Calvin Wong and I offer my testimony in support of HB 1406. As a pharmacist working in a retail setting, I provide services that lower health care costs and improve overall health outcomes. I work hard to stress the importance of medication adherence with my patients. By being compliant, patients are less likely to make unnecessary and expensive trips to their doctor or the emergency room.

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Tammy Wong	Individual	Support	No

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By

Kim Roseman

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Tad K Ushijima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I agree with modernizing the scope of the practice of pharmacy. Immunization has been a huge leap forward for both pharmacy and the public. This has been evidenced in the recent outbreak of Hepatitis A here in Hawaii. In addition, with President Obama signing CARA and Governor Ige signing the Naloxone bill to combat the opioid epidemic, the public needs the pharmacists to be able to furnish Naloxone without a prescription similar to getting a flu shot. Naloxone is a safe drug even if accidentally injected in someone who may not overdosing on an opioid. Similarly, EpiPens are live saving injections where time is of the essence. A little known fact about EpiPens is that they have a short shelf life, meaning they can expire before being used in an emergency. It would be highly unsafe for someone who has severe allergies to be carrying around an expired EpiPen because their provider may not want to renew the prescription until they are seen. Rather, getting a new EpiPen at pharmacies without a prescription would decrease E.R. visits and lower the cost of health care. Tad K. Ushijima, RPH, JD

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Gerry Fujii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pharmacists have long been preparing for managing disease states and treatments. Drug distribution is no longer the primary responsibility of today's pharmacist. Regulations need to reflect current pharmacy practice.

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Matthew Clawson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many locals within the state of Hawaii are currently experiencing shortages of health care services. As a result many people go without basic health care services simply due to barriers to access. Passing this bill will increase the utilization of the state investment in a college of pharmacy, and positively impact health in the state of Hawaii.

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February 1, 2017

Honorable Della Au Belatti
Chair, House Committee on Health (HLT)
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 402
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Belatti,

Our State of Hawaii should modernize the Scope of Pharmacy Practice. With 30 hours of Continuous Education every 2 years, Pharmacist maintain or improve their level of competency. Many upgrade their capabilities through the American Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) programs or the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS). Our Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo graduates Pharmacist ready to practice at the level HB 1406 recognizes.

Just a while ago, the Pharmacist in Hawaii was the most visible and accessible health care provider responding to the Hepatitis A outbreak. Regularly, the television commercials on pneumonia and shingles vaccine refer the viewer to their Physician or Pharmacist.

I support HB 1406 Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge the passage of bill HB 1406. I have been a practicing community pharmacist for 5 years and have developed a high level of trust with many of my patients. My patients will often times call or come in to the pharmacy when they have any medication related questions. The reason why they ask me vs their doctor is because they trust my recommendations and I am very easy to get a hold of. They also appreciate the fact that we offer services like immunizations. During the Hep A outbreak, I gave hundreds of shots myself and it is situations like these that demonstrate the huge impact pharmacists can have on our community.

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By
Al Katz, MD, MPH

HB 1406 - Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy

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Andrew Rector

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John L. Pang	Individual	Support	No

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