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RE: HCR 164 – Requesting that the Department of Health Establish and Convene a Medication Synchronization Working Group to Explore and Propose Legislation – In Support

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee:

CVS Health/Longs Drugs is in support of HCR 164 which requests that the Department of Health establish and convene a medication synchronization working group to explore and propose legislation.

We believe that the ability for a patient to consolidate prescription refills can not only help reduce the number of visits that the patient has to make to the pharmacy each month, but can also improve patient medication adherence as well. Longs Drugs/CVS Health offers medication synchronization as a service to patients in our stores (our own program's proprietary name is ScriptSync®). We have a keen interest in this patient-centered issue and would be pleased to participate as part of the working group.

CVS Health operates as the largest pharmacy chain in Hawaii under our Longs Drugs banner. We are proud to offer our patients and clients in Hawaii a wide range of comprehensive, integrated pharmacy and health operations statewide including: Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) services (CVS Caremark), Specialty Pharmacy (CVS/specialty), Mail-Order and Retail Pharmacy (CVS/pharmacy/Longs Drugs), Retail Health Clinics (CVS/minute clinic) and a distribution center.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,

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