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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1950
RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.**

REP. JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Hearing Date: January 25, 2018 Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for Department of Health.

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- 7 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, January 25, 2018
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1950, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF
PHARMACY.**

TO THE HONORABLE JOHN M. MIZUNO, 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 comment on H.B. 1950, which amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to expand the scope of services and specific medications that pharmacists may furnish.

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 on February 8, 2018. At that time, it will consider whether amendments are needed to clarify the pharmacist's scope of practice to furnish certain prescription drugs without a valid prescription pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules section 16-95-82.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. 1950.

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The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health and Human Services

Re: HB 1950 – Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 1950, which relates to expanding the scope of practice of pharmacy to allow pharmacists to furnish specific medications and services. We appreciate the intent of this measure and provide the following comments.

HMSA recognizes that pharmacists deliver direct patient care, and serve a valuable role in our healthcare system. We ask the Committee to consider the following:

- 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 costs to our members.
- Access to a customer's complete medical records is generally not part of a pharmacist's practice and therefore may impact the advisability of a treatment. Pharmacists also do not currently maintain patient medical records required for audit and validation purposes under national accreditation organizations and government programs.

We are in ongoing discussions with our pharmacists to better understand the scope of additional services they would like to assume, and we remain committed to working with them to seek consensus as to how we can more fully engage pharmacists in our network of providers of healthcare services.

Given these concerns and considerations, we ask the Committee consider deferring this measure at this time.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on HB1950.

Sincerely,



Pono Chong
Vice-President, Government Relations



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Health & Human Services
Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 9:00 am

By
Carolyn Ma, PharmD, BCOP
DEAN
UH Hilo - Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy

HB 1950 – RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee:

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am a registered pharmacist and 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 1950, 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 provided throughout the four-year professional curriculum also focuses on medication assessment and therapeutic recommendations via related laboratory tests and subjective/objective findings related to disease and drug therapy. All U.S. accredited (ACPE) colleges of pharmacy offer similar curriculums.

Successful completion of the curriculum results awarding of the terminal degree, the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and hence eligibility to sit for the national pharmacy licensing exam (NABPLEX). Successful passing score of the NABPLEX, allows an individual to practice as a Registered Pharmacist (RPh), a profession that is 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 Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) 461 and allows for pharmacists to practice more fully to their education and training.

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 1950.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deb	UH	Support	No

Comments:

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By

Deborah Taira

HB 1950 - Relating to practice of pharmacy

TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair) and members of the Health & Human Services Committee

I am a Professor at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

I believe it will improve access to care and improve health outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Deborah Taira, ScD

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Louis Lteif

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
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My name is Louis Lteif, I am a registered pharmacist and faculty member at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

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Submitted on: 1/24/2018 3:54:41 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/25/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Camlyn Masuda		Support	No

Comments:

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Camlyn Masuda, PharmD, Rph

HB 1950 - Relating to practice of pharmacy

TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair) and members of the Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Camlyn Masuda, I am a (registered pharmacist and faculty member) at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

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By

Quan Truong

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair) and members of the
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My name is Quan Truong, and I am a student pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill which will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists. This bill will enable pharmacists in Hawaii to fully implement their knowledge to advance patient care alongside with other healthcare providers, thus providing more quality patient care. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,
Quan Truong

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Jessica Regpala

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My name is Jessica Regpala, I am Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K.
Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the
scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered
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By

Kara Paulachak

HB 1950 - RELATING TO PRACTICE OF PHARMACY

TO THE HONORABLE:

Rep. John Mizuno (Chair)

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair)

Members of the Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Kara Paulachak, a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I am writing to express my **strong support** of this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

This act will modernize the scope of the practice of pharmacy, allowing pharmacists to furnish specific medications and services that will directly impact public health as well as the rising cost of healthcare. Pharmacists have the extensive education and expertise on drug and medication therapy, which makes them ideally suited to work collaboratively with patients and their healthcare team to improve outcomes. By supporting this bill, we support the people of Hawaii, my future patients, in medically underserved areas access to valuable services that will reduce overall healthcare costs, and improve healthcare quality outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mahalo,



Kara Paulachak

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By

Patricia Juszczak

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair) and members of the Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Patricia Juszczak and I am a registered pharmacist.

I am writing to offer testimony in strong support of HB 1950 which details certain areas of pharmacy practice that are currently in the scope of a pharmacist's training and usual practice, and helps to define all provided services in various pharmacy practice areas.

Pharmacists are considered the drug therapy experts among health care professionals. We provide consultation, education and other patient care services in various practice sites such as in acute care settings, ambulatory care clinics, long term care facilities and in community pharmacies. 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. Numerous services are provided directly to patients such as vaccinations, medication therapy management for chronic disease management and assessment and counseling for complex medication regimens.

In summary, I strongly support this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists. This bill will modernize the practice of pharmacy in Hawaii, whereby registered pharmacists provide essential healthcare services that directly impact public health and the cost of healthcare.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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By

Jennifer Nguyen

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
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Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Jennifer Nguyen, I am a student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel
K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the
scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered
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By

Vance Hill

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
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My name is Vance Hill, I am a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K.
Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the
scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered
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By

Kaylee Hoang

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My name is Kaylee Hoang, I am a student pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

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Jui-Yu Irene Kao

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
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Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Jui Yu Irene Kao, I'm a current student at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye
College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of
practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

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By

XuanLam Le

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair) and members of the Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Xuanlam Le, I am a student pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

Thank you so much for your time,
XuanLam Le

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Jared Toba

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
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My name is Jared Toba, I am a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K.
Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the
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By

Jeffrey Tang

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair) and members of the Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Jeffrey Tang, I am a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

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Tiana E. Ramos

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
Bertrand Kobayashi (Vice Chair) and members of the
Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Tiana, I am a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye
College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the scope of
practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered pharmacists.

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Alan Trinh

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TO THE HONORABLE: Rep. John Mizuno, (Chair), Rep.
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Health & Human Services Committee

My name is Alan Trinh, I am a Student Pharmacist at the UH Hilo Daniel K.
Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will expand the
scope of practice for certain areas of pharmacy practice for registered
pharmacists.

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Submitted on: 1/24/2018 3:53:21 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/25/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Santos		Support	No

Comments:

This bill should pass to fairly bill the pharmacists for their services.

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Testimony for HHS on 1/25/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Hagiwara	FirstVitals Health and Wellness	Support	No

Comments:

As a relatively recent graduate of pharmacy school (and now-registered pharmacist), we were trained with an ever-expanding skill set to contribute to the practice of pharmacy, as well as to health care in general. Our skills allow us to improve the health and well-being of our patients in so many ways, but the laws haven't caught up, so we have the skills, but can't use them. This bill will allow us to expand our patient-care services and impact our patients in a positive way.



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES
A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

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DATE: January 24, 2018

TO: Representative John Mizuno
Chair, Committee on Health & Human Services
Submitted Via Capitol Website

RE: **H.B. 1950 Relating to the Practice of Pharmacy**
Hearing: Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 329

Dear Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee on Health & Human Services:

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. 1950, 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 pursuant to protocol, 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 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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Testimony for HHS on 1/25/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan McMillan		Support	No

Comments:

Patient Focused Care is the most important piece of the healthcare puzzle. Pharmacist are already trained to provide access to several primary care modalities. There is a need for better access to primary care, especially in the Pacific Region; Doctors of Pharmacy are the past, present, and the future of healthcare. Other states are utilizing the access to additional providers, already. Pharmacist have always helped patients with various aspects of healthcare. Since moving from Registered Pharmacists degrees to PharmD degrees, it makes sense that the education and training has become more advanced and Pharmacists can close the gap in patient focused care. One of the ways I was able to see the process work in an effective, efficient manner was in the VA-System. Pharmacists in Florida are able to provide better access to healthcare and the wait-times for veterans has been decreased and benefited these important people in our lives. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.