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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2526 HD1**  
**RELATING TO HEALTH**

REPRESENTATIVE ROY. M. TAKUMI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE  
Hearing Date: February 21, 2018                      Room Number: 329  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

- 1    **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2    **Department Testimony:** The department supports this bill.
- 3    The department has no objections to the practice of customizing patient medication packaging if
- 4    the packaging bears a label that complies with HRS §328-16 (a), which is currently required for
- 5    all prescriptions.
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- 7    Thank you for the opportunity to testify



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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 20, 2018

TO: Representative Roy M. Takumi  
Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
*Submitted Via Capitol Website*

RE: **H.B. 2526 H.D. 1 – Relating to Health**  
**Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room: 329**

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Dear Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

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 H.B. 2526 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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Submitted on: 2/19/2018 5:19:02 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lee Buenconsejo-Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 5:04:03 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keri Oyadomari	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Keri Oyadomari and I am a community pharmacist and I fully support this bill.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 5:06:07 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joo Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Joo Kim and I support this bill. We need legislation in place to allow our patients to receive all types of customized packaging for medications.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 7:25:10 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julianne Aquino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello, my name is Julianne and I am a pharmacist in support of this bill. Customized medication packaging is an easy way to ensure compliance and ensure patient safety.

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:52:38 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joyce Camille Ramano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Joyce Camille Ramano and I am a pharmacist in support of this bill. Medication non-adherence can hinder the optimization of patient care plans leading to an increase in front-end healthcare expenditure (hospital admission and readmission, etc.) and worsening morbidity and mortality. Compliance packaging helps improve medication adherence as it prepackages a patient's monthly medication supply into a blisterpack that separates medications by the appropriate time of the day to take them. Compliance packaging ensures that patients receive all of their maintenance medications at the same time and allows patients to store all of their medications in one place, which makes it easier to obtain an accurate and current medication list in case of an emergency. More importantly, it is a very helpful tool for patients with complex medication regimens, poor memory, low healthcare literacy, language barrier, and/or mental health disorder as it prepackages the patient's medication into weekly pillboxes separated by times of the day. It also engages pharmacists in patients' care plans because it allows us to keep track of patients' monthly medication regimens and verify clinically-significant medication changes and/or intervene as necessary. Compliance packaging promotes a collaborative healthcare team approach in overcoming medication non-adherence that negatively affects patient outcomes and healthcare expenditure.