

HCR 145

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SCOPE OF PRACTICE, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS AND CONSIDER WHETHER THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND CORRESPONDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS SHOULD BE ENHANCED.

1 WHEREAS, there is a need for more access to health care
2 professionals, particularly registered pharmacists, who can
3 safely provide certain health care services and achieve positive
4 health outcomes for patients; and

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6 WHEREAS, pharmacists have more direct access to patients
7 than other health care professionals, which can help resolve
8 public health issues with a minimal impact to the overall health
9 system; and

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11 WHEREAS, advances in technology have changed the delivery
12 of health care over the last thirty years and as a result, the
13 definition of "practice of pharmacy" under existing law is no
14 longer accurate; and

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16 WHEREAS, pharmacy education has also increased over the
17 years, from an apprentice program to a six-year doctorate
18 program that includes education assessment training and a year
19 working as a pharmacist intern; and

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21 WHEREAS, pharmacy education now also includes immunization
22 and smoking cessation training, along with other specialty
23 training, which ensures pharmacists are well prepared to provide
24 appropriate health care services to patients; and

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26 WHEREAS, pharmacists have had a positive impact on public
27 health throughout the State and now immunize more patients than
28 any other health care professionals, which has increased the



1 State's immunization rate, thereby reducing disease and
2 morbidity in the overall population; and

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4 WHEREAS, registered pharmacists who receive proper
5 training, working under written protocols, can:

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7 (1) Provide health care services, such as furnishing
8 Naloxone and Epi-pens;

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10 (2) Administer immunizations and vaccines for bacterial
11 and viral infections, such as influenza, pneumonia,
12 and Hepatitis A;

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14 (3) Furnish and counsel patients on self-administered
15 hormonal contraception and smoking cessation
16 replacement therapy; and

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18 (4) Order and perform laboratory tests to determine
19 appropriate medication use and outcomes; and

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21 WHEREAS, the disciplines of medicine, nursing, and
22 naturopathy are complemented by registered pharmacists, who are
23 an essential part of a primary health care team; and

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25 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1950, H.D. 2, introduced during the
26 Regular Session of 2018, proposes to amend the definition of
27 "practice of pharmacy" to expand the scope of services and
28 specific medications that pharmacists may furnish; now,
29 therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
33 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Pharmacy is
34 requested to convene a working group to review the current scope
35 of practice, licensing requirements, and continuing education
36 requirements for pharmacists and consider whether the scope of
37 practice and corresponding licensing requirements for
38 pharmacists should be enhanced; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is also
41 requested to:

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- 1 (1) Gather information on other state laws and regulations
2 relating to the practice of pharmacy or scope of
3 practice of pharmacists;
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- 5 (2) Review and recommend implementation of pharmacist best
6 practices to promote access to pharmacists who can
7 address public health issues;
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- 9 (3) Review and recommend, if necessary, any additional
10 education, training, or licensing requirements to
11 address the enhancement of pharmacists' scope of
12 practice and responsibilities; and
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- 14 (4) Clarify the definition of "furnishing" health care
15 services or medications and "standing orders", as
16 these terms appear in House Bill No. 1950, H.D. 2,
17 Regular Session of 2018; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be composed
20 of the following members:

- 21 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Pharmacy;
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- 23 (2) A representative from the Communicable Disease and
24 Public Health Nursing Division of the Department of
25 Health;
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- 27 (3) A representative from the Hawaii Pharmacists
28 Association;
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- 30 (4) A representative from the Daniel K. Inouye College of
31 Pharmacy, University of Hawai'i at Hilo;
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- 33 (5) A representative from a retail/chain store pharmacy;
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- 35 (6) A representative from a community pharmacy;
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- 37 (7) A representative from a hospital pharmacy; and
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- 39 (8) A representative from the local health insurance
40 industry; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
2 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
5 of 2019; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
9 and Consumer Affairs and Director of Health.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, March 22, 2018
2:00 p.m.

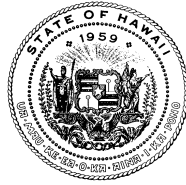
TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SCOPE OF PRACTICE, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS AND CONSIDER WHETHER THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND CORRESPONDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS SHOULD BE ENHANCED.

TO THE HONORABLE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on H.C.R. 145, which is a companion to S.C.R. 135. The Board supports this resolution in lieu of H.B. 1950, H.D. 2 and recommends that a representative from the Hawaii Medical Association be included in the working group. Pharmacists work collaboratively with licensed physicians, and having their input in this working group would benefit both physicians and pharmacists.

The establishment of a working group would allow stakeholders to meet and determine if pharmacists can provide more services to address public health issues and if additional training is necessary to achieve that objective.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.C.R. 145.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR 145
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REPRESENTATIVES ROY TAKUMI, CHAIR & LINDA ICHIYAMA, VICE CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Hearing Date: March 22, 2018 Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports HCR145. Registered pharmacists have
3 increasingly provided public health counseling and services, such as, immunizations, self-
4 administered hormonal contraception, and smoking cessation replacement therapy through
5 legislative initiatives. These initiatives have been successful, requiring pharmacists to receive
6 appropriate training and work under specific protocols. Pharmacy services and accessibility
7 have even greater potential to enhance delivery of public health services. However, at this
8 nexus, the Board of Pharmacy and its stakeholders need to review the current scope of practice,
9 licensing requirements, and continuing education requirements for pharmacists and consider
10 whether the scope of practice and corresponding licensing requirements for pharmacists should
11 be enhanced. This will prevent conflicts with current statute and ensure consumer safety.

12 **Offered Amendments:** The Department recommends amending the composition of the working
13 group to add a member who can advise the working group on best practices to ensure continuity
14 of clinical care with pharmacists, for example a representative of the Hawaii Medical
15 Association.

16 The Department also recommends that “A representative from the Communicable Disease and
17 Public Health Nursing Division of the Department of Health” be amended to “A representative
18 from the Department of Health designated by the Director” to allow the Director flexibility as
19 numerous divisions and programs coordinate with Board of Pharmacy on issues as broad as
20 naloxone, immunizations, smoking cessation therapy, expedited partner therapy for sexually
21 transmitted diseases, and self-administered hormonal contraception.

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2 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 145.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
March 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

By
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DEAN
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HCR 145 – REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SCOPE OF PRACTICE, LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS AND CONSIDER WHETHER THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND CORRESPONDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS SHOULD BE ENHANCED.

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, 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). As designated lead for UH Hilo and on behalf of Interim Chancellor Marcia Sakai, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo fully supports HCR 145.

The college and UH Hilo fully support this concurrent resolution that comes from HB 1950 HD2. Given that pharmacists are undertaking a wider scope of practice as vital members of the primary health care team for our community, a working group will help to review and align scope of practice, education, licensing and ongoing continuing education. The college is more than willing to serve as a key member of this workgroup.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 145.

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Testimony for CPC on 3/22/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: March 21, 2018

TO: Representative Roy Takumi
Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Submitted Via Capitol Website

RE: **HCR 145 Requesting the Board of Pharmacy to Convene a Working Group to Review the Current Scope of Practice, Licensing Requirements, and Continuing Education Requirements for Pharmacists and Consider Whether the Scope of Practice and Corresponding Licensing Requirements for Pharmacists Should be Enhanced.**

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 329

Dear Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & 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 19 stores on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii.

Walgreens **supports** HCR 145, which convenes a working group to consider the expansion of “practice of pharmacy” in areas pursuant to the present training of pharmacists. This legislative session, some of these areas have been discussed in H.B. 1950, H.D.2, 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.

We support this resolution and ask that the Committee move this measure, because it is a step towards aligning Hawaii's pharmacy laws with the current practice of pharmacy in other states and will ultimately improve access to health care.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HCR 145.

Testimony of John Kirimitsu
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Before:
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

March 22, 2018
2:00 pm
Conference Room 312

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Chair, vice chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 145 requesting a working group to review the current scope of practice, licensing requirements, and continuing educations requirements for pharmacists.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports the Board of Pharmacy's testimony on this resolution.

Kaiser Permanente supports the Board of Pharmacy's testimony supporting this resolution in lieu of H.B. 1950, H.D. 2 and recommending that a representative from the Hawaii Medical Association be included in the working group. Kaiser Permanente recognizes the need for a collaborative effort from all stakeholders to ensure best practices for Hawaii's pharmacists.

Thank you for your consideration.