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# SENATE 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 professional, 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 Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Pharmacy  
34 is requested to convene a working group to review the current  
35 scope of practice, licensing requirements, and continuing  
36 education requirements for pharmacists and consider whether the  
37 scope of 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 enhance pharmacists' scope of practice and  
12 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:

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- 22 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Pharmacy;  
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- 24 (2) A representative from the Communicable Disease and  
25 Public Health Nursing Division of the Department of  
26 Health;  
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- 28 (3) A representative from the Hawaii Pharmacists  
29 Association;  
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- 31 (4) A representative from the Daniel K. Inouye College of  
32 Pharmacy, University of Hawai'i at Hilo;  
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- 34 (5) A representative from the Hawaii Medical Association;  
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- 36 (6) A representative from a retail/chain store pharmacy;  
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- 38 (7) A representative from a community pharmacy;  
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- 40 (8) A representative from a hospital pharmacy; and  
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1 (9) A representative from the local health insurance  
2 industry; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
5 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
6 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
8 of 2019; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce  
12 and Consumer Affairs and Director of Health.



**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, April 12, 2018  
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135, S.D. 1,  
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 S.C.R. 135, S.D. 1, which is a companion to H.C.R. 145, H.D. 1. The Board supports the intent of the resolution but prefers H.C.R. 145, H.D. 1, which does *not* include the following language:

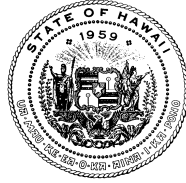
"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is also requested to:

- (1) Gather information on other state laws and regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy or scope of practice of pharmacists;
- (2) Review and recommend implementation of pharmacist best practices to promote access to pharmacists who can address public health issues;
- (3) Review and recommend, if necessary, any additional education, training, or licensing requirements to enhance pharmacists' scope of practice and responsibilities; and
- (4) Clarify the definition of 'furnishing' health care services or medications and 'standing orders', as these terms appear in House Bill No. 1950, H.D. 2, Regular Session of 2018."

This language is unnecessary, as the working group will gather information on other state laws and regulations as a matter of course. The working group will also review and recommend best practices to promote consideration of public health issues, such as additional education and training to enhance the pharmacist's scope of practice. This would include the "furnishing" or prescribing and dispensing of drugs related, but not limited to, epinephrine auto injectors, travel medications, and tobacco cessation nicotine replacement therapy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.





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Testimony **in SUPPORT of** SCR135, SD1  
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

REPRESENTATIVES ROY TAKUMI, CHAIR & LINDA ICHIYAMA, VICE-CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE  
Hearing Date: April 12, 2018 Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports SCR135, SD1. Registered pharmacists  
3 have 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. At this crucial nexus,  
8 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 Amendment:** The Department recommends that “A representative from the  
13 Communicable Disease and Public Health Nursing Division of the Department of Health” on  
14 page 3, lines 24-26 be amended to “A representative from the Department of Health designated  
15 by the Director.” This will allow the Director flexibility as numerous divisions and programs  
16 within the Department coordinate with Board of Pharmacy on issues as broad as naloxone,  
17 immunizations, smoking cessation therapy, expedited partner therapy for sexually transmitted  
18 diseases, and self-administered hormonal contraception.

19 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 135, SD1.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
April 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

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

SCR 135 SD1 – 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 SCR 135 SD1.

This concurrent resolution 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 willing and able to provide a representative to serve as a key member of this workgroup.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SCR 135 SD1.

**SCR-135-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2018 4:04:39 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Miri	Weinstein Pharmacy	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-135-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/11/2018 11:22:27 AM

Testimony for CPC on 4/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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: April 11, 2018

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

RE: **SCR 135, SD1 - 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, April 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room: 329**

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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** SCR 135, SD1 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, including 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 SCR 135, SD1.

**SCR-135-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2018 10:20:44 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-135-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/11/2018 9:53:23 AM

Testimony for CPC on 4/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ron Okamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SCR-135-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/11/2018 1:31:50 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/12/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerry Fujii	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

After working personally on aligning the scope of practice to what is happening is great. Scope has to be expanded to take advantage of the Pharmacist.



**LATE**

April 12, 2018

The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair  
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Affairs and Commerce

Re: SCR 135, SD1 – Pharmacists Scope of Practice

Dear Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in **support** of SCR 135, SD1 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 should be enhanced.

HMSA supports SCR 135, SD1 and would request to be named as the representative from the local health insurance industry.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,  
Jace S. Mikulanec  
Government Relations - HMSA