

HB220 HD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO HEALTH.
Report Title:	Prescription Drugs; Pharmacy; Customized Patient Medication Packages
Description:	Authorizes a pharmacy to provide a customized patient medication package to any patient of an institutional facility or any member of the general public, subject to certain conditions. (HB220 HD1)
Companion:	SB548
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH
Introducer(s):	MIZUNO



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DATE: March 13, 2019

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **H.B. 220, H.D.1– Relating to Health**
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

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. 220, 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.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
H.B. NO. 220, H.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH.

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BEFORE THE:
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2019 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Wade H. Hargrove III, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

This measure amends chapter 328, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding a new section that would allow a pharmacy to provide a customized patient medication package, defined as a package of one or more solid oral dosage forms prepared by a pharmacist for a specific patient, to any patient of an institutional facility or any member of the general public with an otherwise valid prescription and appropriate consent.

We recommend that lines 6-7 of page 1 of this bill be amended to simply refer to "any person" rather than "any patient of an institutional facility or any member of the general public." This change would also make it unnecessary to define the term "institutional facility" and, consequently, we suggest that this definition be removed (page 2, lines 5-6).

Chapter 328 currently contains a definition of "pharmacy" and "pharmacist," therefore we suggest that these two terms not be defined further in this measure. These two definitions may be removed (page 2, lines 5-8).

Currently, chapter 328 does not restrict the ability of a pharmacy or pharmacist to provide customized patient medication packages to any person with a valid prescription. However, the requirement of "consent," is new and creates a requirement where none existed before. Thus, the bill should be amended to clarify how consent can be given. If the Legislature intends for the patient, patient's caregiver, patient's guardian, or the prescribing practitioner to provide written consent, which could incidentally serve as a

record the pharmacy may then be required to retain, we suggest clarification to this effect on page 1, line 8. If, however, verbal consent is all that is intended (i.e., over the telephone), we similarly recommend that this be clarified. Please note that existing section 328-16(c), HRS, defines how "oral prescriptions" must be recorded by a pharmacist and existing section 328-17.7(a), HRS, mandates that certain prescription information be maintained by a pharmacist for a period of five (5) years. These sections could be used to further define the concept of "consent" envisioned by this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure. We are available to assist with any drafting questions the Committee may have.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keri Oyadomari	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support for HB220

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Keri Oyadomari and I am a community pharmacist here in Honolulu, Hawaii. I would like to testify my support for HB220. As a community pharmacist, I see a majority of our elderly patients on multiple medications. The confusion of knowing what to take and when to take it greatly impacts their ability to be compliant. We have already seen a multitude of our patients benefit from our existing customized patient medication package. This not only eases the burden on multiple medications for them but also their caregivers and families. This method of medication administration has been proven to save stakeholders involved money and also reduce large hospitalization costs.

There is no law saying it is illegal, however it poses confusion within our community when there is no written law in place stating it is acceptable. This bill is necessary to give our patients and caregivers the assurance they need so that they may receive such a personalized medication packaging.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Keri Oyadomari, PharmD

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Submitted on: 3/13/2019 9:39:36 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/14/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joo Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support for HB220

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Joo Kim and I am an active member of the pharmacy community here in Honolulu, Hawaii. I would like to testify my support for HB220. I see a majority of our elderly patients on multiple medications. The confusion of knowing what to take and when to take it greatly impacts their ability to be compliant. Customized medication packaging has been proven to the save stakeholders involved money and also reduce large hospitalization costs. There is no law saying it is illegal, however it poses confusion within our community when there is no written law in place stating it is acceptable. Many of our caregivers prefer this for their patients, however their concern is that there is nothing in the law that states it is an acceptable form of medication administration and they would like to remain compliant with all regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Joo Kim