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A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: February 19, 2019

TO: Representative John Mizuno
Chair, Committee on Health

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

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **H.B. 220 – Relating to Health**
Hearing Date: Monday, February 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 329

Dear Chair Mizuno and Chair Takumi and Members of the Joint Committees:

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.

HB-220

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:02:30 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/19/2019 2:00:00 PM

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 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Keri Oyadomari, PharmD

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:26:42 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/19/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is important to ensure that the elderly get their daily medications. On average, elderly patients take only 10 months of their 12 month medication - usually because they simple forget. This bill will ensure that they take their daily medications.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:33:43 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/19/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanani Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB 220 is important, because it will help to ensure that Hawaii's Kupuna will be taking their daily medications via daily strip pack with the dates and times to take such medication. Too often seniors miss taking their daily medications, which can lead to adverse consequences such as greater possibility for stroke, heart attacks, and other health ailments.

HB220 will help to ensure our Kupuna take their daily medications.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:08:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 2/19/2019 2:00:00 PM

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Joo Kim