

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
12:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 2919, S.D. 1, RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC
PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board appreciates supports this bill.

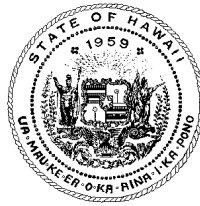
The purpose of this bill is to require that the dispensing of a pharmacist-prescribed opioid antagonist be reported to the State's electronic prescription accountability system.

Act 154, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2018, authorized pharmacists to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist. This was one of many initiatives of the Hawaii Opioid Task Force to address opioid overdoses by increasing access to opioid antagonists. In addition, Act 255, SLH 2019, authorized a pharmacist, acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care, to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist to patients, family members, and caregivers of opioid patients at risk of overdose.

The Board believes that the data collected by the electronic prescription accountability system will assist the Hawaii Opioid Task Force in addressing the opioid epidemic in this state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2919, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

by

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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

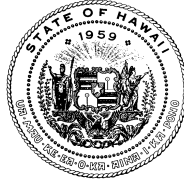
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Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** Senate Bill 2919, Senate Draft (SD) 1, which proposes to amend section 329-101(b) and (d) of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), to require that the dispensing of a pharmacist-prescribed opioid antagonist be reported to the State's Electronic Prescription Accountability System (EPAS), more commonly known as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). This measure aligns with the goals of the Hawaii Opioid Initiative.

In 2019, the Legislature passed Act 255, which allows pharmacists to issue prescriptions for opioid-antagonists, thereby increasing access to these lifesaving drugs. SB 2919 would require pharmacists to report opioid antagonist prescriptions to the PDMP using procedures that are very familiar to them. Such a reporting requirement would not substantially add to a pharmacists' workload and would allow State Department of Health (DOH) epidemiologists, who already have access to the PDMP, to efficiently measure the effectiveness of Act 255. This measure would provide DOH with additional data useful in preventing opioid overdose.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 2919 S.D. 1
RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

SENATOR KARL RHOADS, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: February 25, 2020

Room Number: 016

1 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (Department) supports this measure.

2 **Department Testimony:** The subject matter of this measure intersects with the scope of the
3 Department's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) whose statutory mandate is to assure a
4 comprehensive statewide behavioral health care system by leveraging and coordinating public,
5 private and community resources. Through the BHA, the Department is committed to carrying
6 out this mandate by reducing silos, ensuring behavioral health care is readily accessible, and
7 person-centered. The BHA's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) provides the following
8 testimony on behalf of the Department.

9 The Department supports this initiative by the Department of Public Safety (PSD) to use its
10 electronic prescription accountability system (EPAS) as a centralized repository for reporting
11 opioid antagonist dispensing by pharmacists. Presently, efforts to track dispensing and
12 distribution of opioid antagonists such as naloxone are decentralized. Optimization of the EPAS
13 through additional software enhancements and personnel support is also one of the recent
14 objectives of the Hawaii Opioid Initiative on data-informed decision making. The Department
15 defers to the PSD on implementation benchmarks such as identifying which opioid antagonists to
16 track in the future, and coordinating any system enhancements to the EPAS.

17 ADAD is also working closely with PSD's Narcotics Enforcement Division to support the
18 enhancement of the EPAS to better facilitate opioid antagonist dispensing by pharmacists, as
19 well as provide for prescriber education on how to use the system.

- 1 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To the COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

This testimony is submitted in opposition to SB2519.

With a hearing on Thursday, February 27, 2020

My name is Ron Curtis

What is the problem here in Hawaii that is being addressed by this law? Hawaii has one of the highest gun ownership rates per capita and one of the lowest gun violence rates per capita.

This is punitive legislation targeting law abiding citizens in Hawaii to further a national partisan agenda. Prove there is an issue in Hawaii with high capacity magazines before infringing on the rights and freedoms of Hawaii's citizens.

If you have any questions i can be reached at rcurtis808@outlook.com or

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My name is Peter J Long III

I wish to expression my fullest OPPOSITION to this piece of legislation as there is little evidence that magazine capacity restrictions have any positive effects in public safety, while having a negative effect on law-abiding citizens. Furthermore, the term “High Capacity Magazine” is a term used by anti-firearm activists to describe STANDARD ISSUE MAGAZINES, rather than those that stretch the capacity beyond its design.

Over the last 25 years that I have been a law-abiding firearms owner, I have collected several hundred dollars worth of these magazines because they are considered “standard capacity” rather than “high capacity” magazines. The State’s decision to render these once legally owned items as contraband will hurt me fiscally.

In his 2019 decision striking down California’s magazine ban, US District Court Judge Robert Benitez cited one case involving a woman who killed an attacker and two cases involving woman who ran out of ammunition as he declared the California law unconstitutional.

Firearms laws in Hawaii are already among the strictest in the nation. Owners of firearms are registered with our local police departments and watched under microscopes. We are among the most law-abiding citizens in Hawaii, yet we’re the ones who have to pay for actions of criminals with the ever constant chipping away of our Constitutional right to bear arms.

If you have any questions i can be reached at Pj3467@aol.com or
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My name is Clark Cagle

I oppose this bill as it is ineffective legislation and practically impossible to enforce.

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My name is Daniel Yoro

Dear Mr. / Mrs. Official,

I am writing you asking that you oppose any and new gun restriction proposals. Support, stand and protect the 2nd amendment rights of the people, not infringe and restrict. Rights that weren't given by you and should not be restricted by you. Hawai'i has and already is one of the most strictest states in the nation regarding gun laws and ownership. Passing any more will not make any change, but turn many law abiding citizens into criminals. You'll have thousands overnight. Laws will not stop the acts of a madman. Assault is an action, it could be done with bats, sticks, knives, hammers, vehicles and even empty handed, I don't see you go after those. Inanimate objects are harmless without the intentions behind it. On the flip side they can be used for good. Tools to build, fix and repair, sport, family time and protection. Please oppose ANY gun control measures, they will not stop shootings, they will only harm law abiding citizens as myself.

Sincerely,

Daniel Yoro Sr.

If you have any questions i can be reached at bibinkarules@yahoo.com or

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My name is Peter J. Long III

I wish to submit this testimony in OPPOSITION to this legislation.

The government does not have a need to know who is buying ammunition or regulating how that is done. The required licensing for buying and selling of ammunition is invasive and unnecessary. It would naturally lead to the rationing of a very important component of the 2nd amendment.

I should also point out that this law would likely create a pretty large Black Market. How would anyone know what ammunition was purchased here and how much was purchased in another state/country? How would ammunition be tracked? How would this be enforced? This sounds a WHOLE lot like the infamous FIREWORKS ban that this state has; we all know how well that worked out just a few short weeks ago!

Firearms laws in Hawaii are already among the strictest in the nation. Owners of firearms are registered with our local police departments and watched under microscopes. We are among the most law-abiding citizens in Hawaii, yet we are held accountable for the actions of the mentally unstable and heinous sociopaths, with the ever constant chipping away of our Constitutional right to bear arms.

Why does the Hawaii Legislature place a higher value on the rights of criminals than those of it's law-abiding citizens??

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