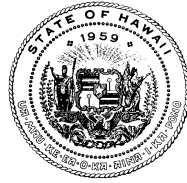


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Measure Title:	RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.
Report Title:	Pharmacies; Prescription Drugs; Return for Disposal
Description:	Authorizes pharmacies to accept the return of any prescription drug for disposal via collection receptacles or mail-back programs; prohibits pharmacies from redispensing returned prescription drugs or from accepting returned prescription drugs in exchange for cash or credit; requires the pharmacist-in-charge to ensure that only authorized reverse distributors acquire prescription drugs collected via collection receptacles or mail-back programs.
Companion:	HB1272
Package:	None
Current Referral:	CPH
Introducer(s):	BAKER, S. CHANG, J.KEOHOKALOLE, NISHIHARA



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of (SB 0808)
RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
Senate COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 20, 2019 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

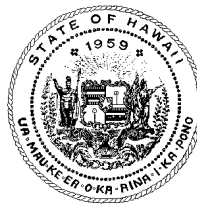
2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) defers to the Board of Pharmacy of
3 the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on implementation of HRS Chapter 461 and
4 any amendments to current law or regulations that may apply. We also defer to the Department
5 of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division (PSD) regarding implications for enforcement.

6 The DOH also joins the Board of Pharmacy in support of this measure. One of the goals
7 of the Hawaii Opioid Initiative is to increase the amount of prescription drugs taken back from
8 the community by implementing at least two more year-round “take back” sites on Oahu as a
9 step to expand the collection effort statewide. This measure provides the necessary structure for
10 authorized collectors of controlled substances such as hospitals, clinics with on-site pharmacies,
11 retail pharmacies and law enforcement agencies to operate a statewide take back system for
12 disposal of unwanted controlled substances.

13 The DOH continues to work in close collaboration with PSD, the Department of the
14 Attorney General and county law enforcement to implement takeback programs in each county
15 that comply with federal regulation.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 808
RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

by
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Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 9:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) supports Senate Bill (SB) 808, which would authorize pharmacies to accept the return of any prescription drug for disposal via collection receptacles or mail-back programs with other prohibitions and requirements.

Disposal of unwanted or unnecessary prescription drugs reduces the risk of overdose, accidental poisoning, and environmental contamination. Last year, PSD worked collaboratively with the state Departments of Health and the Attorney General and the county police departments to implement a law enforcement-based medication drop box program. That program has been extremely successful. SB 808 would allow pharmacies in Hawaii to take back prescription drugs for disposal and provide our community with more options to dispose of their unwanted or unnecessary drugs.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2019 4:10:08 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Yabuta	Testifying for Hawaii State Opioid Initiative LEO/FR Working Group	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii State Opioid Initiative Law Enforcement Organization (LEO)/First Responder Working Group supports Senate Bill 808, as it logically provides the community to dispose of opioid prescription drugs at the place from where it was procured originally, the pharmacy. Facilitating the disposal of opioid drugs safely and efficiently safeguards nonprescribers from acquiring these dangerous medications for illicit use and solicitation.

The State of Hawaii Opioid Abuse Initiative and Law Enforcement Organization (LEO) First Responder (FR) Working Group is a multi-disciplinary approach to curtail and prevent Opioid Abuse through a comprehensive strategy among treatment, prevention, education, health, medical, prosecutorial and enforcement stakeholders. The LEO/FR Working Group seeks evidence-based opioid exposure first aid practices for law enforcement/first responders, who must protect themselves and the community from the risk of toxic Opioid and Fentanyl exposure.

In the mission to disrupt opioid abuse, the LEO/FR promotes effective research and data collection to strategize enforcement, prevention and educational efforts for public safety and community awareness.

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
9:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

On the following measure: S.B. 808, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Chair Baker 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 supports this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) authorize pharmacies to accept the return of any prescription drug for disposal via secured collection receptacles or mail-back programs; (2) prohibit pharmacies from re-dispensing returned prescription drugs or from accepting returned prescription drugs in exchange for cash or credit; and (3) require the pharmacist-in-charge to ensure that only authorized reverse distributors acquire prescription drugs collected via collection receptacles or mail-back programs.

During the summer, the Board established a Pharmacy Working Group (Group), which consisted of major stakeholders in the pharmacy industry, including, but not limited to, representatives from both local independent and chain store pharmacies, the medical community, the Department of Health, the Department of Public Safety's Narcotics Enforcement Division, and the insurance industry. In particular, the Group discussed legislation introduced during the 2018 legislative session, including those measures that were enacted into law, measures that did not pass, and other measures that affected the pharmacy scope of practice.

For the Committee's information, one of the many topics discussed was the safe disposal of prescription drugs. The Group determined that this issue should be addressed to:

- Prevent unused or unwanted drugs, including controlled substances, from being diverted to an unintentional user;
- Ensure the safe disposal of prescription drugs to avoid polluting or contaminating landfills and oceans; and

- Give consumers more accessibility to pharmacies that receive these drugs through a secured collection receptacle and to obtain information on mail-back programs.

The Board believes that ensuring the safe and convenient disposal of unused or unwanted opioid drugs by participating pharmacies will help address the nationwide opioid epidemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9:15 a.m., Rm 229

by
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and
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Dean
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

SB 808 – RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang 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). University of Hawai'i at Hilo fully supports this bill with the proposed amendments that authorize certain pharmacies to collect prescription drugs for disposal via collection receptacles or mail-back programs; and prohibits pharmacies from redispensing or returning prescription drugs that have been returned for disposal.

Unused medications in households and at various patient care facilities expose residents to potential harm due to mistaken ingestion and increase the potential for theft and assault. In children ≤ 5 years old, medication overdoses are the most common.¹ Annually, more than 71,000 children under the age of 19 present to emergency rooms for unintentional overdoses of prescription and over the counter drugs annually.² The problem can add to drug abuse in young adults aged 18-25 (5.9%) while 3% of teens (12-17yrs) have the second highest rate.³ So called "pharm parties", social gatherings where prescription drugs are consumed with alcohol have gained popularity in recent years in both age groups.^{3,4}

In partnership with the Narcotics Enforcement Division, the DKICP has participated in annual Drug Take Back events since 2012 and annually we hold Drug Take Back events during our DKICP Annual Health Fair in Hilo. In 2014, we published in the Hawai'i Journal of Medicine and Public Health, our efforts to quantify and describe the types of returned medications.⁵ In two large drug take back events at the annual Good Life Senior Expo (3 days) and nine, one day events on O'ahu, Maui, Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island, a total of over 8000 pounds of medications were recovered. Seven of the top 10 types of medications were classified as cardiovascular agents. The most common non-prescription medications included aspirin, naproxen and ibuprofen. Controlled substances comprised 10% of the returned medications; the most common was the combination hydrocodone/acetaminophen medications (CII).

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) also continues to hold successful annual drug take back events and there are 10 drug return kiosks in the police stations on Maui, Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island. However, there remains need for additional mechanisms to return unused medications.

We support this initiative and appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 18, 2019

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Re: SB 808 – Relating to Prescription Drugs

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 808, which authorizes pharmacies to accept the return of any prescription drug for disposal via collection receptacles or mail-back programs; prohibits pharmacies from redispensing returned prescription drugs or from accepting returned prescription drugs in exchange for cash or credit; requires the pharmacist-in-charge to ensure that only authorized reverse distributors acquire prescription drugs collected via collection receptacles or mail-back programs.

HMSA supports addressing the safe disposal of unused or unwanted opioid drugs. We believe this measure promotes patient safety by allowing pharmacies to accept prescription drugs for disposal in a way that is convenient and accessible for the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Sincerely,

Pono Chong
Vice President, Government Relations



SB808 Pharmacies Drug Take Back

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH:

- Sen. Baker, Chair; Sen. Chang, Vice Chair
- Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019: 9:15 am
- Conference Room 229

Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition Supports SB808:

GOOD MORNING CHAIRS, VICE CHAIRS AND DISTINGUISHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS. My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide organization of almost 40 non-profit alcohol and drug treatment and prevention agencies.

HSAC supports the *Pharmacy Working Group* efforts to develop policies and procedures that promote the safe disposal of prescription drugs within the pharmacy scope of practice.

- The Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs developed a successful program for drug take-back that alleviated the health and safety concerns from the diversion and misuse of prescription drugs by helping people properly dispose of unused prescription medications.

The risk for unsafe storage in homes is that many young people who misuse prescription drugs report that their source can be family medicine cabinets. Keeping unused opioids or other common drugs of misuse in homes is no longer safe or responsible. The best response by people is to Lock Up – Don't Share – Safely Dispose.¹

This bill will greatly help people to safely dispose of potentially dangerous medications as well as help educate everyone about the dangers of misuse.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony and are available for questions.

¹ https://www.ddap.pa.gov/Prevention/Pages/Drug_Take_Back.aspx

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February 18, 2019

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

RE: SB 808 Relating to Prescription Drugs – In Support
February 20, 2019; 9:15 a.m., Conference Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members of the committee:

CVS Health is the nation's premier health innovation company helping people on their path to better health. Whether in one of its pharmacies or through its health services and plans, CVS Health is pioneering a bold new approach to total health by making quality care more affordable, accessible, simple and seamless. CVS Health is community-based and locally focused, engaging consumers with the care they need when and where they need it, and we operate 72 pharmacies in Hawaii under the Long's banner. The Company has more than 9,800 retail locations, more than 1,100 walk-in medical clinics, a leading pharmacy benefits manager with approximately 93 million plan members, a dedicated senior pharmacy care business serving more than one million patients per year, expanding specialty pharmacy services, and a leading stand-alone Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. CVS Health also serves an estimated 39 million people through traditional, voluntary and consumer-directed health insurance products and related services, including a rapidly expanding Medicare Advantage offering. This innovative health care model increases access to quality care, delivers better health outcomes and lowers overall health care costs.

We share the Hawaii State Legislature's concern that across the country, many lives in the communities we serve are being disrupted by opioid misuse. Supporting the prevention of opioid abuse requires the active involvement of stakeholders throughout the health care community, as well as law enforcement and regulatory agencies, and CVS Health is committed to being part of the solution.

For several years, as part of these enterprise efforts to fight opioid abuse, CVS Health has supported the Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program, which provides police departments across the United States with an easy way to obtain a drug collection unit for their locations. Through this program, created with the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, CVS Health has donated more than 940 medication disposal units to local police departments in 43 states, collecting more than 227 metric tons of unwanted medication. Beginning in 2017, CVS Health expanded its total disposal units to 1,550



kiosks, including the phase-in of over 750 additional disposal units in CVS Pharmacy locations across the country. To date, under this initiative, 762 in-store kiosks have been installed, which have collected 77 metric tons of medication.

As part of our expansion of drug disposal initiatives, CVS Health would like to offer its support for SB 808, which we believe provides the appropriate regulatory framework to guide the installation of disposal units in Hawaii.

Thank you for considering our testimony today, and we ask for your favorable consideration in passing SB 808. We appreciate your interest in expanding drug disposal and take back initiatives in Hawaii.

Should there be any questions, I may be reached at 202-772-3516 or by e-mail at Michael.Ayotte@cvshealth.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ayotte".

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DATE: February 19, 2019

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

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **S.B. 808 – Relating to Prescription Drugs**
Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9:15 a.m.
Conference Room: 229

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

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** S.B. 808, which authorizes pharmacies to accept the return of any prescription drug for disposal via collection receptacles or mail-back programs, pursuant to federal law.

Walgreens has been a leader in finding solutions to combat prescription drug misuse. On the mainland, Walgreens has installed over 1500 drug takeback kiosks in states across the country.

Walgreens supports the language in this bill because it allows for pharmacies to participate in drug take back programs, provided that they follow the existing federal framework. Under the federal law, pharmacies can voluntarily establish drug or participate in mail back programs. To establish a kiosk, pharmacies must register and follow the rigorous procedures set forth by the Drug Enforcement Agency for handling and disposing the collected waste.

We would note that in other jurisdictions that are addressing this issue, drug manufacturers have been given responsibility for implementing drug take back collection, handling and disposal systems. In these systems, manufacturers are required to pay for drug take back systems, and may partner with pharmacies, hospitals or clinics to accomplish this goal. Walgreens believes that it would be valuable in future discussions to include all of the entities potentially involved in pharmaceutical waste collection including law enforcement, chain and community pharmacies, hospitals/clinics and drug manufacturers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:21:05 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 2:22:05 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas Tsoi	Testifying for Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/16/2019 5:45:35 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marie Flore Cidera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 12:26:30 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan McMillan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a student pharmacist and I support SB 808 (Prescription Medication Take-back). As students in a professional program following our bachelor programs, we are being trained to help where needs are neglected in prescribing and supporting the healthcare system where practitioners are needed in support of providing excellent patient care. Our Doctor of Pharmacy Curriculum includes both didactic and hands-on training in providing immunizations, diabetes testing, hypertension screening—in addition to extensive education in chemistry and therapeutics. As the future of medicine is changing, we are too. We look forward to helping others through our PharmD education. Thank you for supporting us!

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 3:52:46 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Kawakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Chad Kawakami and I am an Assistant Professor for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. I strongly support this bill. This bill is a critical step that will provide patients with the means to dispose of drugs in a safe and environmentally friendly fashion. An effective drug take back program is critical to ensure drugs "do no harm" as a result of improper disposition.

Best Wishes,

Chad

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:01:52 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wesley Sumida	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a pharmacist and support this bill which broadens the options for disposing of unused medications.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:34:56 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/20/2019 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Nguyen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a pharmacy student and I support this bill because this will benefit community members.

Testimony for Public Hearing
by CPH
February 20, 2019 9:15 AM

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SB 808 – RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Good morning. My name is David Cao and I am a student pharmacist at the UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). I support this bill that will allow pharmacies to accept any prescription drug for disposal without any cash or credit benefit. This bill will also ensure that these prescription drugs be collected only by authorized parties.

My support for this bill comes from what I observed at the health fairs that DKICP hosts. DKICP has hosted Drug Take Backs during the annual health fairs, allowing people in the community to bring their expired and unused medications in for proper disposal. Hundreds of medications were brought in every year during the five hours that the event was held. This puts into perspective the amount of expired and unused medications that remain in people's homes and the potential for improper disposal of these medications without sites that are regularly able to take them back.

Pharmacies are easily and readily accessible. As they are the places where people pick up their medications, it should also be the place where people can bring back medications that they no longer use or are expired. This bill will strongly benefit the community and reduce the incidences of children and pets accessing these medications and patients accidentally using expired medications.

Thank you for your time and consideration and the opportunity to testify on behalf of SB 808.