



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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HCR 145 – 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 HCR 145.

The college and UH Hilo fully support this concurrent resolution that 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 more than willing to serve as a key member of this workgroup.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 145.