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SB 535 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO PHARMACISTS PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST

Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the committee:

My name is Carolyn Ma, I am the Dean for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The University of Hawai'i at Hilo fully supports this bill that will authorize pharmacists to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist to patients, family members and caregivers of patients who may be at risk for an opioid overdose. We support the amendment that allows for the prescription for the opioid antagonist be in the name of the individual being treated with the opioid antagonist, or in the name of the individual who is requesting the opioids antagonist or "Opioid Antagonist Recipient" or "OAR." We also support the additional clause "acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care" pertinent to the pharmacist's responsibility.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.