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

Chairs Mizuno and Ohno, Vice Chairs B. Kobayashi and D. Kobayashi, and members of the committees:

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".

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.