

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

AGENDA

- Date:** January 29, 2026
- Time:** 9:00 a.m.
- Location:** Virtual Videoconference Meeting-Zoom (see link below)
- In-Person Meeting Location:** PVL Exam Room 330, 3rd Floor
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Phone:** 669-900-6833
- Zoom Link:** <https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/88574515997?pwd=sbOnA3qoaQJTsZZ4veY6randh8ljBb.1>
- Meeting ID:** 885 7451 5997
- Passcode:** 376479
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1.

Call to Order

2.

Report from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association

3.

Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board may enter into Executive Session to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4) to review the executive session minutes.

A. Meeting Minutes

1. December 18, 2025

Previous Executive Meeting Minutes

2. August 21, 2025
3. November 21, 2025

4. **Review of Advisory Committee Member Candidates**

The Board to review candidates for the Regulated Industries Complaints Office's ("RICO") Pharmacy Advisory Committee to become effective January 1, 2026.

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5. **Pharmacy Technician Registration & Vaccine Authorization Update**

The Board to provide update on the new registration of Pharmacy Technicians including but not limited to the process for registering, and updates to vaccine registration.

Please be advised that in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules §16-201-90, informal opinions and interpretations are for informational and explanatory purposes only. They are not an official opinion or decision, and therefore not to be viewed as binding on the Board or the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

6. **Legislative Session**

The Board to review, discuss, and form positions as needed on measures introduced by the Hawaii State Legislature for the 2026 legislative session. Please be advised that the Board may vote to adjust its Legislative Liaison for the 2026 legislative session. The Legislative Liaison will provide support in the legislative session to address and support board positions between meetings.

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A. **Bills concerning Pharmacy and Pharmacists**

1. HB223 HD1-Relating to Pharmacy

Establishes the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund to support pharmacist workforce assessment and planning efforts. Establishes the pharmacist workforce assessment fee. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

2. HB561-Relating to Pharmacists

Authorizes a registered pharmacist under contract with a covered entity for purposes of the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program to supervise via telehealth the filling or receipt of a prescription in certain circumstances.

3. HB 1643-Relating to Pharmacy

Specifies a framework for the administration of audits of records of pharmacists and pharmacies.

4. SB324-Relating to Pharmacists

Mandates reimbursement for services provided by participating registered pharmacists practicing within their scope of practice by private and public health plans in the State beginning January 1, 2026.

5. SB1279 HD1-Relating to Pharmacists

Authorizes a registered pharmacist under contract with a covered entity for purposes of the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program to supervise the filling or receipt of a prescription via telehealth in certain circumstances. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

6. SB1579-Relating to Pharmacists

Mandates reimbursement for services provided by participating registered pharmacists practicing within their scope of practice by private and public health plans in the State after 7/1/2026.

7. SB2047-Relating to Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Establishes requirements for pharmacy benefit managers that reimburse contracting pharmacies for drugs on a maximum allowable cost basis, including maximum allowable cost lists, and maximum allowable cost reports, and complaints process.

B. Bills concerning prescriptions and other subjects related to Pharmacy

8. SB2208-Relating to Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Requires the Department of Human Services to establish or select and contract with a third-party administrator to serve as the State Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) who shall be responsible for administering all pharmacy benefits for medicaid beneficiaries enrolled with medicaid

managed care organization. Requires medicaid managed care organizations to contract with and utilize the State PBM. Establishes requirements to procure the State PBM in addition to the requirements under state law governing purchases of health and human services. Establishes requirements and prohibitions for the contract to be used by the DHS when contracting with the state PBM. Requires the DHS to establish a single-preferred drug list to be used by the State PBM. Requires the DHS to consult with the Med-QUEST Healthcare Advisory Committee on the development, implementation, and oversight of the State PBM program. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds.

9. SB2038-Relating to Medication Labeling

Authorizes certain pregnant persons to receive abortion medication with a label that does not bear their name and other identifying information.

10. SB1509 HD1-Relating to Prescription Drugs

Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on best practices for the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers and reduction in prescription drug costs for health insurance plan beneficiaries. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 12/31/2050. (HD1)

11. SB1495 SD1-Relating to Hearing Aids

Exempts from the general excise tax, gross receipts received by a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, pharmacy, or a practitioner licensed to administer drugs to an individual, from the sale of hearing aids. Effective 12/31/2050. Sunsets 1/1/2027. (SD1)

12. HB205 HD1-Relating to Workers' Compensation

Establishes a payment rate not to exceed cost plus forty per cent for nonprescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, or nonlegend drugs for workers' compensation purposes, subject to certain conditions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

13. HB216-Relating to Prescription Drugs

Establishes requirements for the clinical review criteria and clinical practical guidelines used to establish step therapy protocols. Provides a process for a patient to request an exception to using step therapy protocols. Establishes insurance coverage requirements relating to the use of step therapy protocols and standards to appeal an adverse step therapy exception determination.

14. HB872 HD1-Relating to Health

Authorizes health care practitioners to make undesignated prescriptions of single-use epinephrine for the purpose of stocking a supply at various types of businesses and state and county government offices, including public schools. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

15. HB903 HD1-Relating to Student Health

Authorizes a school to maintain a stock supply of bronchodilators to be administered under certain conditions. Authorizes certain employees of a school and department personnel to administer certain medication in emergency situations, under certain conditions. Amends prescription drug labeling requirements to include certain information related to a school, if applicable. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

16. HB933 HD1-Relating to General Excise Tax Reductions

Reduces the general excise tax rate on the gross proceeds or gross income from the sale of groceries that are eligible under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), regardless of the means of purchase and the program eligibility of the purchaser. Reduces the general excise tax rate on the gross proceeds or income from the sale of nonprescription drugs. Requires DBEDT to conduct an economic cost-benefit analysis on the general excise tax reductions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

17. HB959-Relating to Taxation

Exempts the sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs from the general excise tax. Incrementally increases the general excise tax over four years, with the increased proceeds during certain fiscal years to be deposited into the general fund. Removes the state income tax on unemployment compensation benefits. Doubles the standard deduction for individuals earning less than \$100,000 and joint returns earning less than \$200,000. Repeals the incremental increases on standard income tax deduction amounts. Increases the minimum income threshold and exemption amount for the low-income household renters' income tax credit. Removes the tax liability for the first \$100,000 of individual income earned. Establishes the Maui Recovery Special Fund to be used for recovery programs related to the 2023 Maui wildfires. Appropriates funds. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2024.

18. HB1539-Relating to Prescription Drugs

Repeals certain prohibitions on the imposition of fees, conditions, or requirements on community retail pharmacies that are not imposed on mail order pharmacies.

19. HB1611-Relating to Taxation

Beginning 1/1/2027, establishes a yearly reduction in the general excise tax rate on groceries and nonprescription drugs on a tiered schedule, until 1/1/2034 and thereafter, when a full general excise tax exemption applies. Beginning 1/1/2028, provides a general excise tax exemption on the wholesale sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs. Beginning 1/1/2027, prohibits the counties from imposing a county surcharge on groceries and nonprescription drugs.

20. HB1648-Relating to Workers' Compensation

Prohibits health care providers from prescribing or dispensing nonprescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, and nonlegend drugs for workers' compensation patients.

21. HB1767-Relating to Opioid Antagonists

Beginning 1/1/2027, requires health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations that issue policies, contracts, plans, or agreements that provide prescription drug coverage to provide coverage for at least one generic opioid antagonist and device.

22. SB226-Relating to Prescription Drugs

Establishes requirements for the clinical review criteria and clinical practical guidelines used to establish step therapy protocols. Provides a process for a patient to request an exception to using step therapy protocols. Establishes insurance coverage requirements relating to the use of step therapy protocols and standards to appeal an adverse step therapy exception determination.

23. SB480-Relating to Health

Prohibits drug manufacturers and wholesale distributors from restricting or denying access for pharmacies contracted with 340B covered entities to purchase 340B drugs at a discounted price under the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. Imposes civil penalties for engaging in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.

24. SB531-Relating to Education

Establishes provisions for the storage and maintenance of a stock supply of bronchodilators at schools. Requires the Department of Education to establish a protocol for the storage, usage, and administration of bronchodilators. Establishes provisions regarding the administration of certain medications by a volunteer at Department of Education schools. Clarifies labeling requirements for bronchodilator prescriptions issued to the Department of Education for a stock supply of bronchodilators.

25. SB874-Relating to Veterinary Medicine

Requires veterinarians to provide a written prescription, upon the request of a client, for any animal patient of a client with whom the veterinarian has established an existing veterinarian-client-patient relationship. Allows pharmacies licensed in the State to dispense medications prescribed by veterinarians. Authorizes the Hawai'i Board of Veterinary Medicine to establish penalties, which may include fines or suspension or revocation of a license.

26. SB875-Relating to General excise Tax Reductions

Reduces the general excise tax rate on the gross proceeds or income from the sale of groceries that are eligible under the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) or special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC), regardless of the means of purchase and the program eligibility of the purchaser. Reduces the general excise tax rate on the gross proceeds or income from the sale of nonprescription drugs. Requires DBEDT to conduct an economic cost-benefit analysis on the GET reductions.

27. SB956-Relating to Prescription Drugs

Allows a patient seen in-person by another health care provider in the same medical group as the prescribing physician to be prescribed an opiate prescription for a three-day supply or less via telehealth.

28. SB1043 HD1-Relating to Taxation

Reduces the general excise tax rate imposed on nonprescription drugs by one half. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

29. SB2104-Relating to the General Excise Tax

Implements a phased repeal of the state general excise tax on the sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs in the State. Prohibits counties from establishing county surcharges on the state general excise tax on gross income or gross proceeds from the sale of groceries and nonprescription drugs in the State. Prohibition on county surcharges to be repealed on 12/31/2030.

30. SB2106-Relating to Health

Prohibits the sale of nonprescription diet pills and dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building to any person under eighteen years of age. Requires retail establishments and delivery sellers to follow certain protocols regarding certain products to prevent access by minors to the restricted products.

31. SB2283-Relating to Prescription Drugs

Repeals certain prohibitions on the imposition of fees, conditions, or requirements on community retail pharmacies that are not imposed on mail order pharmacies.

32. SB2610-Relating to Emergency Medication in Schools

Establishes provisions regarding the volunteered administration of certain medications by authorized persons at public schools, including requirements for parent authorization, administration instruction, and liability protections. Expands permitted emergency treatments to include epinephrine, inhalers, seizure rescue medication, glucagon, insulin, and blood-glucose monitoring.

7. **Applications**

The Board will enter into Executive Session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes sections 92-5(a)(1) and 92-5(a)(4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both and to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

A. Applications for Review

Pharmacist

1. Joshua Close

Pharmacy Intern

2. Suzanne Otani

Pharmacy Technician

3. Noli Diaz, Jr.
4. Miguel Cortes

Miscellaneous Permit (PMP)

5. LT Pharmacy Buyer, LLC
6. Clipper Distributing Company, LLC
7. VETOQUINOL USA, INC.
8. Melbourne Pharma, LLC

8. **Fees**

The Board to review the fees related to the practice of pharmacy, including but not limited to fees related to licensure and a renewal.

The Board may enter into Executive Session to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

9. **Next Meeting**

February 19, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building

10. **Adjournment**

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Executive Officer Christopher Fernandez at (808) 586-2708 and as soon as possible, preferably by January 27, 2026. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate/accessible formats.