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## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 2773 – RELATING TO OPIOIDS

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 2773. University of Hawai'i at Hilo supports this bill that requires authorized providers to discuss risks associated with opioid medication therapy at the time of initial prescribing.

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy also offers additional comments that all health care providers with prescriptive authority should, upon initiation of any medication therapy, educate patients on the proper use of medications including proper administration, timing, possible adverse effects and potential interactions.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony.