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GM 741 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERI TOKUMARU, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 741. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports GM 741, for the consideration and confirmation to the Board of Pharmacy, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERI TOKUMARU, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Dr. Tokumaru is a board-certified, critical care pharmacist in the Neurointensive Care Unit at The Queen's Medical Center on Oahu. She received extensive pharmacy training at highly competitive programs in Michigan, California and Kentucky. She subsequently worked in hospital intensive care units in San Diego and Chicago, and also served on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy.

In 2010, Dr. Tokumaru joined the faculty at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo. She has served with distinction teaching advanced topics to Doctor of Pharmacy students, precepting pharmacy students on clinical rotations, and serving as the Director of Interprofessional Education for the college. She has also served as PGY2 Residency Program Director at The Queen's Medical Center to provide specialty training in critical care.

The high professional regard with which Dr. Tokumaru is held is reflected in her ongoing service on the Board of Pharmacy. In addition, she recently served as a member of an elite group of 12 professionals selected nationally to create medical guidelines related to her area of specialization. The resulting guidelines were published in a reputed medical journal, and received endorsements from many health professional organizations, including the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the American Academy of Neurology.

In summary, Dr. Tokumaru's recognized expertise in both pharmacy clinical practice and education, along with her professional experience serving on prestigious state and national working groups, make her well suited for serving on the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 741.