

## Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

Corporations, Business, & Professional Licensing Board of Pharmacy

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The Honorable Senator Giessel Alaska State Senate State Capitol Room 427 Juneau, Alaska 99801 Senator.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov

Re: SB 94 – Profession of Pharmacy – Letter of Support

Dear Senator Giessel,

The Board of Pharmacy ("board") is submitting its position on SB 94, an Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to the practice of pharmacy; relating to pharmacies; relating to prescription drug manufacturers; relating to prescriptions for epinephrine; relating to the administration of epinephrine; and providing for an effective date. During its March 20, 2023, meeting, the board discussed SB 94 and voted to support it because it accomplishes the following:

- Streamlines the licensure process while improving public safety
- Aligns pharmacy statutes with other Alaska boards' and other states' statutes by replacing one of the two
  public member seats with a pharmacy technician seat, recognizing retired pharmacists, and allowing flexibility
  for a pharmacist to serve in the board's executive administrator role.
- Increases access to epinephrine auto-injectors, medication delivery devices for anaphylaxis emergencies
- Ensures the board's powers and duties support the federal Drug Supply Chain and Security Act (DSCSA) to ensure Alaskans receive safe medications

Thank you,

Ashley Schaber, PharmD, MBA, BCPS Chair, Alaska Board of Pharmacy