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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 9:26 AM
To: Rep. Justin Ruffridge
Cc: [REDACTED] Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Jesse Sumner;
Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Genevieve Mina
Subject: RE: Support of HB 112

House Health and Social Services Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Ruffridge,

As a student pharmacist in Alaska that is dedicated to optimizing healthcare for all Alaskans, I wanted to ask for your continued support of HB 112, "An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; . . .". The mission of the Alaska Board of Pharmacy is ultimately to ensure the safety and well-being of the Alaskan people by establishing clear standards for the practice of pharmacy. With this goal in mind, amendments are needed to current legislation to ensure accountability of all parties engaged in the practice of pharmacy and improved access to care.

HB 112 will modernize Alaska pharmacy statutes in the following ways:

- Increase diversity of representation by replacing one public member seat in the Alaska Board of Pharmacy with a pharmacy technician seat
- Improve access to life-saving epinephrine auto-injectors that can be used in the event of a severe allergic reaction
- Require pharmacists dispensing controlled substances to register with the controlled substance prescription database
- Regulate the qualifications of all parties involved in the profession of pharmacy, including drug manufacturers

By enabling the Alaska Board of Pharmacy to address current gaps in legislation, you are paving the way for improvements that can more fully address contemporary issues in pharmacy and better safeguard public health. I am grateful for your support and consideration as we strive to decrease barriers in healthcare and embrace changes that can better allow us to protect our fellow Alaskans.

Respectfully,

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House Health and Social Services Committee
State Capitol
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RE: Support of HB 112

Dear Representative Justin Ruffridge,

As a practicing (*pharmacist/technician/other*) in Alaska, I ask for your support of HB 112. HB 112, "An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy;....." is the result of collaboration between the Alaska Board of Pharmacy and the Alaska Pharmacists Association (AKPhA) to modernize pharmacy practice statutes.

The Alaska Board of Pharmacy endeavors to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy. However, legislation is needed to ensure the Board of Pharmacy can continue to protect Alaskans.

SB will update pharmacy practice statutes to:

- Streamline the licensure process while improving public safety.
- Align pharmacy statutes with other AK boards and other states' statutes
 - Replace one of the two public member seats with a pharmacy technician seat.
 - Adopt regulations for retired pharmacist status.
 - Clarify board executive administrator's salary, allowing flexibility for a pharmacist to serve in this role in the future.
- Increase access to epinephrine auto-injectors, medication delivery devices for anaphylaxis emergencies.
- Ensure the Board of Pharmacy powers and duties support the Drug Supply Chain and Security Act (DSCSA) related to manufacturers, out-of-state pharmacies, and internet pharmacies to ensure Alaskans receive safe medications.

Please support this bill and allow the Board of Pharmacy to continue to meet its mission in promoting, preserving, and protecting Alaskans' public health, safety, and welfare.

Sincerely,

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