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Testimony of Rep. Denise Tepler presenting

LD 998, An Act to Amend the Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

Senator Sanborn and fellow members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee, as you know, I am Denise Tepler and I represent House District 54. I am pleased to present **LD 998, An Act to Amend the Continuing Education Requirement for Pharmacists.**

Online searches regarding the profession of pharmacy lead to articles that tell us “There are many different types of pharmacy, and other places where a trained pharmacist may work. This includes: community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, industrial pharmacy, compounding pharmacy, consulting pharmacy, ambulatory care pharmacy, regulatory pharmacy, and home care pharmacy.”

Some of these careers in pharmacy involve providing medications and immunizations to patients, others such as compounding, and research pharmacy do not.

This bill simply amends the statute that currently requires all pharmacists, regardless of profession, to take 2 hours annually of board approved courses on drug administration and limits this requirement to those whose careers involve providing drugs and medications to patients.

Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer questions that I can but know that there will be others testifying who may better be able to address any issues with the bill.