

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2009

RE: S.B. No. 420
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 420
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the scope of
practice for naturopathic physicians by authorizing naturopathic
physicians to administer parenteral therapy, intravenous,
subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections, and to obtain federal
Drug Enforcement Administration registration and prescribe
controlled substances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians, Bastyr
University, and twenty-eight individuals. The Board of Examiners
in Naturopathy (Board) submitted testimony in support of the
intent of the measure with amendments. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs.

Copies of written testimony are available for review on the
Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure significantly expands
the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians. Your Committee
further finds that, to ensure public safety and proper
enforcement, clear standards of practice and guidelines need to be
established and implemented by the Board.

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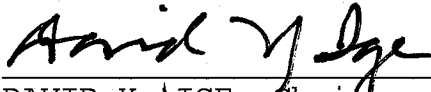


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including language that states the Board may adopt, amend, or repeal rules provided that "all rules shall be approved by the governor and the director of commerce and consumer affairs, and when adopted pursuant to chapter 91 shall have the force and effect of law. The rules may forbid acts or practices deemed by the Board to be detrimental to the accomplishment of the purpose of this chapter, establish standards of practice, care and ethics, establish the medications that may be prescribed by licensees, require licensees to complete educational courses and training, and establish requirements for parenteral therapy. This enumeration of specific matters that may properly be made the subject of rules shall not be construed to limit the Board's broad general power to make rules necessary to fully effectuate the purpose of this chapter";
- (2) Including that prescribing medications not approved by the Board shall subject the licensee to disciplinary action;
- (3) Including "parenteral therapy" in the definition of "naturopathic medicine"; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on this matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 420, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,

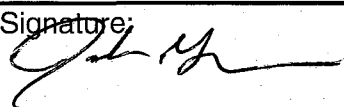


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 420	HTH, CPN	2/13/9		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	5			1
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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