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HB 2312 – RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Chair Yamane and colleagues, we wish to speak in support of HB 2312 that removes full prescriptive authority from Naturopathic Practitioners. The public should be aware that the education of Naturopathic Practitioners is quite different from that of Allopathic Physicians – for example, as trained at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine. Although Naturopathic Practitioners have a valuable role to play on the healthcare team, their classroom education is largely limited to undergraduate college-level basic science courses and less than one year of full-time clinical exposure. At this point, the Naturopathic trainee is ready to prescribe whatever medicines are on the state Naturopathic formulary.

In contrast, following a college degree that includes many of the courses taught to Naturopathic Practitioners, the medical student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine must subsequently complete two full years of graduate level basic science followed by two full years of clinical training in a breadth of clinical settings and practice specialties. Following four years of medical school, the

graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine must complete an additional three to six year residency training program to become licensed and boarded in a specialty area such as internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, psychiatry, pathology, surgery or family medicine. At that point, the Allopathic Physician has full prescribing authority.

In a recently passed bill, Naturopathic Practitioners were given the ability to prescribe not only natural herbal products and vitamins, but also ANY drug that their self-regulated formulary board desired. Antibiotics, cardiac medications, and cancer drugs are strong medications for those with such limited training and clinical experience to prescribe. It would seem prudent, for the safety of the people of Hawai'i, that the legislature either approve a formulary more aligned with the training of these practitioners or modify the Naturopathic formulary board to have a balancing participation by Allopathic Physicians and Pharmacists to address which medicines would be prescribed by Naturopathic Practitioners.

As someone who has served as a preceptor for Naturopathic trainees in my former faculty role in Oregon, I am very aware of the practice strengths and limitations of these allies in healthcare delivery. It is hoped that we can thoughtfully define a formulary that permits the safe practice of Naturopathic Practitioners in Hawai'i.

HB2312

Rosanne C. Harrigan

February 2, 2010

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair, the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health

RE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing CHONG, Herkes, Nishimoto, Wakai

Status: Bill scheduled to be heard by HLT on Friday, 02-05-10 9:30am in House conference room 329.

Dear Rep Chong, Herkes, Nishimoto, and Wakai

I am writing to strongly urge your support for SB2489 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would protect the people of Hawaii from unrestricted prescriptive authority by naturopaths. The Formulary should be constructed by a multidisciplinary group of professionals as all of the formularies in the State. The Naturopaths from the only 4 accredited schools in the US do not provide an appropriate sample of those with expertise to address this critical issue <http://www.cnme.org/mc.org/>

You should also be aware this bill was NOT introduced by HMA as stated by Dr. Steelsmith. She has a significant problem using correct information.

For example, she states "Hawaii's naturopathic physicians are more than adequately trained to practice under our existing law. They have extensive training at nationally accredited naturopathic medical schools, and they are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians who diagnose and treat disease." These are few accredited schools of Naturopathy. This link to one of their accrediting agencies that has recently come under review for inadequacies is provided. <http://www.cnme.org/> The other agency is quoted below. "They receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis." We now have the most liberal law in the country. Must someone die here before you folks understand what you have done?

Last year's modernization of Hawaii's naturopathic medicine law allows our naturopathic physicians to practice according as a primary care physician. other Dr Steelsmith states "For many years naturopathic physicians in other states have had the right to prescribe medications, do minor surgery, and do injections (both intramuscular and intravenous)...she forgets to mention they are not

licensed in these States.

You should also be aware there are NO continuing education requirement for this group of providers. Both nurses with prescriptive authority and MD's have such requirements to maintain their license.

Lack of support for SB2489 would have many negative consequences on the quality of care for the people of Hawaii, diminishing the overall quality of healthcare in our state.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your support for HB2312. I support complementary and alternative medicine.

Sincerely yours,

Rosanne C. Harrigan, APRN-Rx, FAAN, EdD, MS
Professor and Chair complementary and Alternative Medicine

Excerpt from one of the accrediting agencies for naturopathy

ACCREDITATION



WHAT IS ACCREDITATION

Accreditation for Naturopathic programs in the United States is an entirely "voluntary" process. Accreditation for an institution of learning represents a "validation" that the school programs have been

thoroughly investigated and found worthy of recognition. This investigation is conducted by a qualified group of people familiar with the programs offered. Students and institutions of learning have come to rely on decisions from ANMAB as a reliable source for determining quality in education.

TRADITIONAL AND NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION

There are two main types of schooling accredited by ANMAB available to the prospective student.

1. Traditional schools include those learning institutions requiring one to be present in a classroom setting at some point in the learning process. Supporters believe the structural interaction between students encourage a better learning experience.
2. Non-Traditional schools include those learning institutions that offer courses or programs by mail, often called correspondence, or distant learning programs. Supporters of Non-traditional schools point to convenience in busy schedules, and financial advantages in taking such programs. These graduates also believe it takes a more dedicated, determined student to complete such programs.

Both programs have their advantages, and disadvantages. Recently both have offered programs "online". Online programs have solved certain credibility issues for those earning degree's outside of the resident programs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I get Certified after completing a program at an ANMAB approved school?

Yes! The American Naturopathic Medical Certification Board (ANMCB) offers certification for those individuals who have graduated from ANMAB's members. For a complete list of board certification natural health care categories and more information please visit their website at www.anmcb.org.

When a school is accredited what does that mean?

Accreditation for Naturopathic programs in the United States is an entirely "voluntary" process. Accreditation for an institution of learning represents a "validation" that the school programs have been thoroughly investigated and found worthy of recognition. This investigation is conducted by a qualified group of people familiar with the programs offered. The programs are also found to have also met financial stability.

Will the accredited school have an educational counselors available to me?

All accredited schools are required to have educational counselors available by telephone, email, mail or for traditional schools they offer educational counselors in person.



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Please visit Clayton College of Natural Health's website for a current listing of courses and programs offered.

Are you aware many schools are BS programs

**PRESENTATION OF THE
PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Friday, February 5, 2010
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2312, RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC
MEDICINE.**

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Dr. Kevin Gibson, member of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill No. 2312, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

The purpose of House Bill No. 2312 is to remove the Board's authority to establish the education and training requirements for parenteral therapy and the standards to administer parenteral therapy; establish examination standards for and to require the passage of an examination on minor office procedures; and establish and publish a naturopathic formulary.

The Board has not had the opportunity to meet and establish an official position. However, the Board is scheduled to meet on Friday, February 19, 2010 to discuss House Bill No. 2312. Subsequent to the meeting, the Board will be able to report back to you regarding their official position on this bill.

Although the Board has not yet met to discuss this bill, the Board supported the passage of Act 22, special session 2009 (Act 22), which gave the Board the authority to

establish requirements for parenteral therapy and minor office procedures and to establish and publish a naturopathic formulary.

Since the enactment of Act 22, the Board has been actively developing and drafting the education and training requirements for parenteral therapy; standards for parenteral therapy; examination requirements for minor office procedures; and standards of practice, care and ethics. The Board has also established and published a naturopathic formulary that is consistent with naturopathic medical practice.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 2312.



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Friday, February 5, 2010, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

To: House Committee on Health
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Gary A. Okamoto, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
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Re: HB2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine. This measure would help ensure the safety of Hawaii patients. Naturopathic medicine, while a sound option for some citizens of our state, is not the same as allopathic (MDs) or osteopathic (DOs) medicine, and has fewer standards and requirements for training and licensure. Prescriptive authority of naturopathic doctors should not be viewed as an access issue, but instead a patient safety issue and should be handled very cautiously.

Compared to medical school and residency training, a naturopathic education consists of relatively few contact hours of study on pharmacological treatment of disease, and provides virtually no clinical reinforcement of pharmaceutical intervention on patients during clinical rotations or optional post-graduate training. One important component to consider in the debate over naturopath prescriptive authority is whether a practitioner with such limited exposure to pharmaceuticals can appropriately treat patients who take prescription medicines regularly or who would likely benefit from pharmacological intervention.

Naturopathic doctors (NDs) are required to take just 7-11 credits of pharmacology and just 850 clock hours of clinical training in patient care. Only one state requires any post-graduate training for NDs (Utah – one year). Only 11 other states allow some prescriptive authority for NDs, and the vast majority are much more limiting than in Hawaii (such as allowing for only natural and homeopathic medicines). Additionally, many of those states require some type of MD or DO involvement, whether at the board level or the individual practitioner level.

For comparison in Hawaii, a joint formulary advisory committee for APRNs requires representation by MDs and/or DOs appointed by the Hawaii Medical Board, while the naturopathic board has no representation at this level of expertise. The same representation should have at a very minimum been required of the naturopathic board to determine formulary, or at least it should be the responsibility of the Hawaii Medical Board. The American Medical Association agrees that Nurse Practitioner or APRN training is in the same vein of evidence-based medicine as MD/DO training. Analysis of ND curriculum, training and text does not lead to the same conclusion.

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There are 36 states that do not license NDs. South Carolina and Tennessee expressly prohibit the practice of naturopathy. Florida abolished its naturopath licensing laws, and in 2004 a legislative committee concluded that an expanded scope might be harmful. Several other states, including Texas and Virginia, have abolished previous naturopathy licensure provisions. Of the 14 states that do license NDs (plus the District of Columbia), most have continuing education requirements, while Hawaii does not.

The concern for patient safety is even more critical in light of the public confusion regarding qualifications of non-MD and non-DO health care practitioners such as naturopathic doctors. It is also important to note that Medicare and Medicaid Hawaii do not reimburse for naturopathic services, and many of Hawaii's health plans do not. ND scope of practice cannot adequately address access to care for the majority of Hawaii's population.

In closing, we ask you to please consider the following facts that highlight the differences in education and training between NDs and MDs/DOs:

Applicant Comparison:

- Applicants to become a Medical Doctor
 - Average GPA: 3.66
 - Average MCAT: 30.9
- Applicants to become a naturopath
 - Average GPA: 2.5-3.0
 - Average MCAT: not required

(Sources: American Association of Medical Colleges, www.aamc.org/data/facts/2008/2008mcatgpa.htm; AMA Scope of Practice Data Series – Naturopaths. September 2009.)

Education Requirements:

- To become an M.D. or D.O.
 - Obtain baccalaureate degree
 - Graduate from a 4-year LCME-approved or COCA-accredited medical school
 - 18 months of hands-on clinical experience
 - Pass all three steps of USMLE exam
 - Complete at least 1-3 years of Graduate Medical Education (varies by state)
- To become a naturopath
 - Two years of basic science + two years of clinical rotations (minimum of 850 hours of patient care over 2-year period)
 - Passing score on NPLEX (2-step exam does not adequately measure clinical competence)
 - Post-graduate training not required, except 1-yr in Utah

(Sources: "Comparison of U.S. Allopathic/Osteopathic Educational Requirements." American Medical Association; AMA Scope of Practice Data Series – Naturopaths. September 2009; Council on Naturopathic Medical Education Accreditation Standards. June 2009.)

Training:

- After graduation, M.D. and D.O. residents typically work 80-hour weeks in ACGME-accredited residency programs for at least three years
- Before graduation, naturopathic clinical education occurs in years 3 and 4 and requires 1,200 hours, only 850 of which must be in direct patient care

(Sources: American Medical Association; AMA Scope of Practice Data Series – Naturopaths. September 2009; Council on Naturopathic Medical Education Accreditation Standards. June 2009.)

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Board Certification:

- For Medical Doctors
 - Graduate from an LCME-approved or COCA-accredited medical school
 - Complete full-time residency training program of at least three years in duration
 - Pass written and/or oral board certifying examination
 - For naturopaths
 - No generalist board certification
 - Naturopathic childbirth certification requires 100 hours of lay midwifery instruction and attendance at 15 births
 - Naturopathic acupuncture certification available in some states
- (Sources: "Comparison of U.S. Allopathic/Osteopathic Educational Requirements. American Medical Association; AMA Scope of Practice Data Series – Naturopaths. September 2009.)

We respectfully request your consideration of HB2312. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From:
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: HLTtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled for

February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
(Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in House conference room 329

Dear Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Health:

I am writing to strongly urge your support for HB2312 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would protect the people of Hawaii from unrestricted prescriptive authority by naturopaths.

In allopathic medical school, after first two year of basic medical science, students spend 3rd and 4th year training thinking about drug based solution for medical problems and learning basic invasive procedures. For those who go into primary care setting they will be followed by 3 years of residency in family medicine or internal medicine or pediatrics, where they refine their skill of giving drugs and invasive procedures (minor surgeries, IV, intubation etc).

In Naturopathic School (do not have the same admission requirements and National Medical Board Examination as MD School) NDs spend over two years thinking about 'natural treatment' for medical problems. Although they took the pharmacology classes this does not include emphasis and practice with drugs. Their curriculum emphasize nutrition, vitamins, supplements and herbs. In ND School students also spend time studying acupuncture and Chinese medicine which is a 3 - 4 years full time curriculum in Acupuncture School. In that regard ND students spend even less time than allopathic medical student in drugs and procedures training within the same 4 years of post-graduate schooling. Residency is not required for ND nor are there sufficient residencies for graduating ND students. Many States do not license NDs as can be seen from ND Association website where they are talking about legislative agendas.

The problem with the law SB420 is that it is an expansion of the ND scope of practice including prescribe drugs and do procedures which they do not have the equivalent training and regulatory mechanism like MD have. They do not have rigorous training to handle high risk situation and emergency cases or any situation that require giving drugs because they focus on natural healing. Classroom pharmacology and procedures without adequate residency training, supervision and experience will not prepare them to handle serious medical situation for example, pneumonia, or serious systemic illness etc.. I support Naturopathic philosophy and practice because I promote those skills but how to use drugs and medical procedures - allopathic medicine is what I count on and not from the other alternative disciplines.

Let's get real, if it is true that Naturopaths have received the same training as MD in their 4 years post-graduate schooling and just as good as MDs in allopathic medicine as they told the public then where are those time required for studying nutrition, vitamin and supplements, traditional Chinese

medicine, acupuncture, western and Chinese herbology, in the same 4 years of schooling? Chinese medicine is a 4 year program. Something has to cut short here if Naturopaths cramp all those knowledge in 4 years. I hope it will not be in expense of our patient's safety. Because NDs are trained differently at this point of time they should not be used as substitute for the shortage of MD in Hawaii. This will decrease the quality care of medicine in Hawaii. We should try to keep MDs in the Hawaii and recruit more MDs from US Mainland in order to solve MD shortage problem.

Other facts to support HB2312: There are 36 states that do not license NDs. South Carolina and Tennessee expressly prohibit the practice of naturopathy. Florida abolished its naturopath licensing laws in 1959, and in 2004 a legislative committee concluded that an expanded scope might be harmful. Several other states, including Texas and Virginia, have abolished previous naturopathy licensure provisions. Of the 14 states that do license NDs (plus the District of Columbia), most have continuing education requirements, while Hawaii does not.

NDs are required to take just 7-11 credits of pharmacology. While 11 other states allow some sort of prescriptive authority for NDs, most are much more limited than in Hawaii and many require some type of physician involvement, whether at the board level or at the individual practitioner level. Only Oregon comes close to the amount of authority allowed in Hawaii. For comparison in Hawaii, a joint formulary advisory committee for APRNs requires representation by MDs and/or DOs, while the naturopathic board has no representation at this level of expertise.

Additionally, Medicare does not reimburse for naturopathic services, and Hawaii Medicaid, which typically follows Medicare coverage, will not likely add it to the list of covered services. (ND scope of practice cannot adequately address access to care for the Medicare and Medicaid population.)

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your support to HB2312.

Sincerely yours,

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Edward B. Christenson, MD, DABA

February 2, 2010

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RE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Dear Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Health:

I am writing to strongly urge your support for HB2312 relating to naturopathic medicine.

I am a physician and I oppose Naturopathic Doctors being allowed to prescribe medications on HB2312 because I believe that they lack adequate training to do so safely.

The original bill SB 420 was presented basically as a way to change the name of the board of Naturopathy to the board of Naturopathic medicine and to authorize rules and to authorize temporary license to licensed out-of-state naturopathic physicians in a declared public health emergency.

During the legislative process, there was I believe a totally unwarranted expansion of the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians including being able to prescribe any medicine determined to be ok by the board of Naturopathic Medicine. I do not think that the naturopathic physicians on the board of Naturopathic Medicine have the knowledge or training to make these kinds of determinations. I do not think that they should be able to determine what drugs they can prescribe. I think prescribing medicines is the practice of medicine and not the practice of naturopathic medicine.

A look at the formulary approved by the Naturopathic Board and in effect from Jan 1, 2010 is frightening in its scope and possible danger to patients. It includes but is not limited to: for example: all Hormones, Antibiotics, Anti-tuberculosis agents, Anti-malarial agents, Anti-viral agents, Oral and topical steroids, Anti-coagulant agents, Anti-hypertensive agents, Anti-depressants, all Anti-diabetic agents and Medical Gas.

The list is frightful because of the breadth of often very complex medical problems that are being treated by people with less practical drug knowledge than a fourth year allopathic medical student and certainly less than any doctor who has done a residency in primary care.

I believe the legislature accepted as fact that naturopathic medical education is substantially equivalent to allopathic medical education in the knowledge of drug - this is simply not true.

Allopathic medical students spend their last two years doing diagnosis of disease and drug therapy while naturopathic medical student spent their time doing naturopathic therapy which do not include learning drug prescription. Even if the first two years is equivalent (a fact not in evidence) the last two years emphasize different path.

Many of these drugs on the formulary are very potent and in no way benign. The risks and side effect are substantial and required years of supervision and experience which Naturopathic school and training did not adequately provide. The potential for misuse of these drugs is enormous, with real risk to the public health such as development of drug resistant to microbes including TB or AIDS, just to name a few. If naturopathic physicians prescribe drugs, the safety goes down and the cost of medical care in Hawaii will increase.

I urge you to overcome the defects of SB 420 by supporting HB2312.

Edward Christenson, MD, DABA
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Bill HB2312

February 2, 2010

TO: The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
(Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in House conference room 329)

Dear Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Health:

I am a physician practicing primary care in Honolulu, writing to strongly urge your support for HB2312 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would protect the people of Hawaii from unrestricted prescriptive authority by naturopaths.

As several of my colleagues have already explained, the training of the naturopathic providers is insufficient for the task of prescribing pharmaceutical agents. In addition, since naturopathic providers do not have the crucial practical experience gained in several years of rigorous training "in the field", they are not prepared, and do not qualify for the responsibility of prescribing pharmaceutical agents, as well as performing minor surgical procedures. Allowing them to perform these services without the necessary training and experience will expose our community to an unacceptable risk.

I fully support including the naturopathic providers in the primary care network utilizing their knowledge of natural supplements, and dietary measures, and invite you to explore how using their knowledge in these fields can contribute to the health of our community. I believe that in order to best serve our community, both MD's and ND's should do what they do best.

Thank you for your consideration for support to HB2312.

Sincerely yours,

Tamar Hoffmann MD

From:
to: HLTtestimony
Subject: Testimony RE; HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2312

To:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Rep. John M. Mizuno, Rep. Joe Bertram, III, Rep.
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HEARING DATE:
Friday, February 5, 2010
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

FR: James C. Rudosky, Informed Hawaii Resident in SUPPORT of HB2312

February 3, 2010

Dear Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the
Committee on Health

I am writing to strongly urge your SUPPORT of HB2312 and its companion bill
SB2489 relating to naturopathic medicine. I believe this bill would help protect Hawaii
residents from the dangers of naturopaths having prescriptive rights for medications they are
untrained and inexperienced to prescribe.

It can be easy for a patient to assume that when a practitioner is a "doctor" he or she has
the knowledge to provide the full range of primary care. However, naturopathic practitioners
(who are not medical doctors but allowed to be called doctors in Hawaii) lack the training to
dispense prescriptive medications. In addition, members of the board of naturopathic
medicine, as it is now constituted with 3 naturopaths and 2 public members who support
naturopathic medicine, lack objectivity, training and experience to supervise a formulary.
Naturopaths should NOT be given the ability to prescribe the wide range of drugs which has
been suggested, to include hormones; antibiotics; pain control agents; dermatologicals;
ophthalmic, otic, and respiratory agents; gastrointestinal and cardiovascular agents; renal
and genitourinary agents; psychotherapeutic agents (including antidepressants); endocrine and
metabolic agents. Treating the conditions indicated by the use of these medications is beyond
the training of naturopaths.

I have seen a trend where naturopaths are trying to blur the distinction between themselves
and medical doctors. While this goal may be beneficial for naturopaths, it provides no
benefit to Hawaii residents. At best, it will put a patient in the hands of a practitioner
who is untrained to treat the patient's condition and at worst will cause the patient harm by
wasting time that could be spent on truly beneficial treatments.

One of Hawaii's most public naturopaths told me that one of her naturopathic colleagues recommended a regimen of nutritional supplements to treat a state III prostate cancer patient of hers. As she spoke, she shook her head in disgust that something so wrong would be recommended. She ended her story by saying that she wouldn't bother to report it to the board of naturopathic medicine because she knew they wouldn't take action.

I have had personal experience with a naturopathic practitioner who purported that his special diet could cure hundreds of maladies, from Parkinson's disease to yeast infections. It's really quite preposterous.

Having a group of medical practitioners in the state that use the title "doctor" yet lack the training of a medical doctor and are not adequately supervised creates opportunities for great harm to patients. Providing naturopaths with prescriptive capabilities, especially for such a wide range of drugs and through the board of naturopathic medicine has the potential to be dangerous to patients.

While naturopaths may have training at nationally accredited naturopathic schools, and are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians this doesn't mean that they are competent to have prescriptive responsibilities, especially without guidance from medical professionals who have the appropriate training and experience.

It is worth noting that naturopaths are required to complete just 2 years of basic science and 2 years of clinical training. I respectfully ask that the Committee on Health consider that there are 36 states that do not license naturopaths. South Carolina and Tennessee expressly prohibit the practice of naturopathy. Florida abolished its naturopath licensing laws in 1959.

Several other states, including Texas and Virginia, have abolished naturopathy licensure provisions. Of the 14 states that do license naturopaths (plus the District of Columbia), most have continuing education requirements, while Hawaii does not. Finally, naturopaths are required to take just 7-11 credits of pharmacology.

While naturopaths like to say that providing them with prescriptive authority will improve primary care in Hawaii, the fact is that there is not a shortage of primary care physicians in Hawaii, but rather a shortage of some specialists. In addition, since Medicare, Medicaid, HMSA, HMAA, Kaiser and other health plans do not cover naturopathic care, few patients would seek primary care through a naturopath, and would be even less likely to want a naturopath to treat the complicated chronic conditions which would be indicated by the drugs mentioned above. Finally, there are only 107 actively licensed naturopathic practitioners in the state. There is an estimated 3,500 M.D.s and D.O.s, 2,000 of which are primary care physicians.

Hence, naturopaths represent a number less than 5% of Hawaii M.D.s and D.O.s. How can they be expected to have a serious impact on primary care in the state, especially since they are not recognized by Medicare, Medicaid and the other health insurers mentioned above?

Truthfully, naturopaths are trained in nutritional therapy, some of which is supported by science and some of which is based only on anecdotal evidence.

Some vitamin therapies previously recommended by naturopaths, such as vitamin A use to reduce risk of heart disease, have been found to actually be dangerous. Homeopathic therapies used by many naturopaths are completely unfounded in modern science and are, at best, completely worthless and, at worst, a cruel hoax that allows patients to think they are being treated when in fact they are being given such minute doses of substances as to be essentially tap water. Finally, naturopaths are not trained in the full range of modalities taught to M.D.s and D.O.s and can't provide complete primary care services even though they are unfortunately allowed to categorize themselves as primary care doctors in Hawaii.

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Respectfully,

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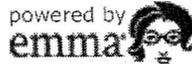
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Lisa Bowden
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Nancy Earth
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Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka
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From: R. Craig Netzer, M.D.

Re: HB2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members: I support HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

Facts to consider:

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DOROTHYANN M. LINDES, M.D.

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To: Ryan L. Yamane, Chair
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Best Regards,



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From:
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Mahalo,
S. Beth Crumrine
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Cynthia Yoza
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Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Theresa Turetzky
Organization: Individual

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Comments:

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HB2312 aims to remove these improvements. With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state. Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose HB2312

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From: [REDACTED] [theresatur@gmail.com]
Content: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 4:07 PM
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Theresa Turetzky
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nt: [REDACTED]
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Attachments: [REDACTED]

Aloha!

I know the doctors mean well, but frankly, they have been indoctrinated against anything outside their own orthodoxy.

My daughter has greatly benefitted from Chinese herbal medicine after western medicine did nothing. This is a big wide world.

Let's let people explore it and not try to "protect" them. Please! - Marjorie Smith

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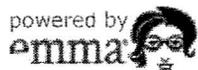
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From: Lois Cain [REDACTED]
it: [REDACTED]
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However, I will be horrified and very angry if you let them get away with it. You all studied this issue last year, heard the voice of the people and voted accordingly. I hope you have the integrity and good sense to stand behind that action in the face of this 11th hour gasping effort by the opposition.

I'm sure you have received many other letters with details of how the proposed modifications will pull the rug out from under the board of naturopathic medicine by negating ALL of the most salient provisions approved in the last session so I won't waste your time by reiterating them all.

I will just beg you.....DON'T LET THEM DO THIS!!

There is a place in the general wellness spectrum for MANY approaches to health and healing. Only the patients suffer in this foolish war against a choice that obviously more and more people are making. The news is full of praise and substantive approbation for the benefits of complementary and alternative healthcare and last year you made it possible to advance this cause for the citizens of Hawaii.

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Thank you in advance for your perseverance.
Lois Cain

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From: Heather Sandison [REDACTED]
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From: Sacharski, Maryann [REDACTED]
nt: [REDACTED]
Subject: HLTtestimony
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MaryAnn and Michael Sacharski
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Aloha and thank you for your favorable consideration to oppose HB 2312.

Respectfully submitted,

Carita D. Miller

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By working together, they can give you the best care possible. Wouldn't you want that choice for yourself and your family, too?

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Comments:

I am writing in opposition to HB 2312. The law recently passed expanding the scope of practice of naturopathic doctors was long over due. Naturopathic doctors need to be able to practice to the full extend of their training.

Aloha, Anna Good

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From: Liz Palmer [palmere002@hawaii.rr.com]
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Sincerely,

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I wouldn't have the good health status I have today were it not for naturopathic physicians. My regular physicians could not diagnose what was wrong with me. I went through a lot of trauma until I sought the help of naturopathic physicians. I and my family are forever grateful. Please oppose HB

2312. Good health is man's greatest asset. We need naturopathic physicians to help us protect and foster our greatest asset.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB 2312.

Sincerely,

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I am writing to strongly urge your support for HB2312 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would protect the people of Hawaii from unrestricted prescriptive authority by naturopaths.

In allopathic medical school, after first two year of basic medical science, students spend 3rd and 4th year training thinking about drug based solution for medical problems and learning basic invasive procedures. For those who go into primary care setting they will be followed by 3 years of residency in family medicine or internal medicine or pediatrics, where they refine their skill of giving drugs and invasive procedures (minor surgeries, IV, intubation etc).

In Naturopathic School (do not have the same admission requirements and National Medical Board Examination as MD School) NDs spend over two years thinking about 'natural treatment' for medical problems. Although they took the pharmacology classes this does not include emphasis and practice with drugs. Their curriculum emphasize nutrition, vitamins, supplements and herbs. In ND School students also spend time studying acupuncture and Chinese medicine which is a 3 - 4 years full time curriculum in Acupuncture School. In that regard ND students spend even less time than allopathic medical student in drugs and procedures training within the same 4 years of post-graduate schooling. Residency is not required for ND nor are there sufficient residencies for graduating ND students. Many States do not license NDs as can be seen from ND Association website where they are talking about legislative agendas.

The problem with the law SB420 is that it is an expansion of the ND scope of practice including prescribe drugs and do procedures which they do not have the equivalent training and regulatory mechanism like MD have. They do not have rigorous training to handle high risk situation and emergency cases or any situation that require giving drugs because they focus on natural healing. Classroom pharmacology and procedures without adequate residency training, supervision and experience will not prepare them to handle serious medical situation for example, pneumonia, or serious systemic illness etc.. I support Naturopathic philosophy and practice because I promote those skills but how to use drugs and medical procedures - allopathic medicine is what I count on and not from the other alternative disciplines.

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Other facts to support HB2312: There are 36 states that do not license NDs. South Carolina and Tennessee expressly prohibit the practice of naturopathy. Florida abolished its naturopath licensing laws in 1959, and in 2004 a legislative committee concluded that an expanded scope might be harmful. Several other states, including Texas and Virginia, have abolished previous naturopathy licensure provisions. Of the 14 states that do license NDs (plus the District of Columbia), most have continuing education requirements, while Hawaii does not.

NDs are required to take just 7-11 credits of pharmacology. While 11 other states allow some sort of prescriptive authority for NDs, most are much more limited than in Hawaii and many require some type of physician involvement, whether at the board level or at the individual practitioner level. Only Oregon comes close to the amount of authority allowed in Hawaii. For comparison in Hawaii, a joint formulary advisory committee for APRNs requires representation by MDs and/or DOs, while the naturopathic board has no representation at this level of expertise.

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Sincerely yours,

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Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 8:09 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2312

February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

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Please do not vote in favor of HB2312 relating to Naturopathic Medicine.
Naturopathic Medicine offers great preventative means to sicknesses of all kinds therefor
reducing the cost of healthcare in hospitals.
Very Gratefully,
Concerned Citizen
Claire Cheeley

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From: Sue Larkin [suereel@pobox.com]
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I have several health issues that are chronic. It wasn't 'til I found a great naturopathic physician that those conditions were brought under control, restoring normalcy to my life. The combination, not to mention choice, of allopathic and naturopathic should be available to everyone who seeks it.

Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Larkin

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Shannon Palmer

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Importance: High

Laura Hall
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Kellie Tateyama

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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Monique Yuen
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Address:
Phone:
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Submitted on: 2/3/2010

Comments:

Opposition of SB2489* would allow naturopathic physicians to continue to practice primary care medicine as they are trained to.

I was born and raised in Oahu, so it was very important to me to return here back to the islands with a professional degree that I felt was in need here in the islands. ¶What I learned from being in school and away from the islands for 4 years was a very valuable training to help my family as well as friends here in the islands. ¶I would like my practice to fully encompass all of the training I received while I was away. ¶I actually do have some local friends in school who did not come back to the islands because of the limitations and lack of modernization within our law. ¶HB2312 takes away from my training and practice privileges that I have obtained and practiced in Oregon while I was in school. ¶Please oppose HB2312.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.
Dr. Monique Yuen

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From: Laurie Freed [lfreed@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am a Hawaii taxpayer, concerned citizen, a naturopathic patient and a cancer patient as well. I have been under the care of a primary care physician, an oncologist, and a naturopathic doctor for the past four years. I'm not out of the woods yet, but my oncologist has recently notified me that my cancer is unlikely to return. I partly attribute my potential survival to not only my pcp and my oncologist, but also my naturopathic doctor. Therefore, I strongly urge you to *oppose HB 2312*, which relates to naturopathic medicine. As you know, last year the Hawaii State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect the scope of practice by naturopathic physicians. HB 2312 aims to remove these improvements.

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Thank you for your consideration and please *Oppose HB 2312*.

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Sincerely,

Maile McLaughlin

nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: shana deneen [drshanadeneen@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 9:45 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Shana Deneen

Steelsmith Natural Health Center

February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/3/2010

Comments:

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: MomTomHI@aol.com
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Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely yours,
Karen Tom
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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/3/2010

Comments:

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/3/2010

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nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: Lynn Fonseca [lynnfons@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 9:56 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB 2312

Lynn H. Fonseca
February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

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From: Lynn Kenton [lynnkenton@gmail.com]
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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/3/2010

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
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Thanks again for your time and attention pertaining to this bill.

nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: The Yees [plywood888@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 9:53 PM
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FROM: Andrew F. Yee
1118 17th Ave.
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From: Ann Tamashiro [puakeniken3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:02 PM
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February 3, 2010

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Ann Tamashiro

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Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:03 PM
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From: Susan Suzuki [susuzuki@hawaii.rr.com]
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A Concerned Patient

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From: Cheryl Toyofuku [healthjourney@hawaii.rr.com]
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February 2, 2010

Hawaii State House of Representatives
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RE: **HB 2312**

Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To: Chairman Ryan I Yamane, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and other
Health Committee members:

I am a full time practicing naturopathic physician on Kauai for almost 20 years. Naturopathic physicians and their supporters worked diligently to override the Governor's veto of the Modernization Bill for Naturopathic physicians (referred to Act 22). I am in **opposition** of this bill.

Apparently, the Hawaii Medical Association did not counter our lawmakers last session about the amendments that were added to 455, HRS. Their testimony was painfully antiquated and the *only* dissenting opinion. Now, they want to *strip* our parenteral routes of administration, minor procedures and prescriptive priveleges as well as the powers and authority of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

How can this be? We have a noted shortfall of able bodied health care

providers in this State and we have an unprecedented safety record as well and not just in Hawaii but in the other states that license N.D.'s. *Consider this:*

I have a patient present with an infection that requires antibiotics and in the years past I had to refer him to an MD for an appointment that they would have to wait and pay again for! Not at all practical, especially considering the USA is **37th** in health care delivery and the overuse of pharmaceuticals has lead to a catastrophic safety record:

the **3rd** leading cause of death in the US is medical practices and procedures. Combine the above and add the *highest* medical costs of any to other country and our fate is sealed unless we change course without delay! Naturopaths are trained to deliver conservative care at lower costs, superlative safety and effective treatment outcomes. With over **4600** hours of clinical and academic training, our education is often more extensive than our allopathic colleagues.

We need to make an example and move forward with our health care in Hawaii and not go one step backward.

We can't afford to be bullied by these special interests.

Please **oppose SB 2489**.

Mahalo.

Miles Greenberg, ND

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Naturopathic medicine has changed my life for the better. It has shown me how to be healthy on my own, and with the help of some natural medicines. My naturopathic physician teaches me, and my family, details on how the body works, about health, and about eating, exercising, sleeping, and relaxing, where no medical physician has ever taken the time to do for me. If anything, naturopathic physicians should be given more rights in this state.

Many physicians, and students studying to become physicians, are leaving our state, whether it be because of the economy, or lack of options here. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawai`i as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, or simply care only about the "numbers", making it difficult for patients to receive basic medical care. Wouldn't it be great if the people of Hawai`i could receive the best quality of healthcare available, instead of restricting naturopathic doctors from being able to practice according to their training? Thank you for your consideration. Please **oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely yours,
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From: Kathie Andre [kathieandre@hotmail.com]
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From: Summer Baptist [summerbaptist@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:41 PM
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Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and
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Sincerely yours, Summer Baptist, ND

"You have a spark of divinity with yourself....Step out from the crowd and discover how much power you really have." ~ Paramabansa Yogananda

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Naturopathic Physician

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Subject: Oppose HB 2312

Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

I am writing because I am in **opposition to HB 2312**, regarding naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic medicine offers an option to a healthier life without prescription drugs being pushed on us. Wouldn't anyone want to take a "natural remedy" to improve their health, versus a prescription drug that may come along with harsh side effects?

Natural doctors check in with their patients physically as well as emotionally. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

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Ann Koizumi

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Sincerely,
Tanya Oishi

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From: Roberta Izuka [rni808@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 12:16 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Opposition to HB 2312

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Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely yours,
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Honolulu, HI 96825

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 12:30 AM
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: K McGlone
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Comments:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010 TIME: 9:30 am PLACE: Conference Room 329, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania

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Darrow M. Hand, N.D.
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February 4, 2010

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I am Dr. Darrow Hand, a licensed naturopathic physician in the State of Hawai'i, and I am writing to strongly urge your **OPPOSITION of HB 2312** as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

Last year the legislature heeded the overwhelming support of the citizens of Hawai'i to pass SB420 SD2, HD2 to modernize the naturopathic medicine law such that our scope of practice was more in line with our training. HB 2312 seeks to eliminate this modernization.

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The Board of Naturopathic Medicine in Hawai'i adopted a formulary on January 1, 2010. Prior to this, similar and broader formularies were adopted in other western states, such as Washington, Oregon, Arizona, California, Utah and Montana. Naturopathic doctors provide primary care and need to have access to medications commonly used in such care. The Hawai'i naturopathic formulary does not include any controlled substances.

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and more. Naturopathic physicians provide a valuable service to public health and safety by offering this treatment.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,
Darrow Hand, ND

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I believe this is a blatant attempt by the American Medical Association to control the Naturopathic Board, since it could not block passage of the bill last year, despite the Governor's veto.

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Comments:

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From: Karen Yamamoto [manoasakura@yahoo.com]
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Sincerely yours,
Sterling Leong
1704 Nanea Street
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February 4, 2010

Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

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For the past years, I have been under the care of a naturopathic physician. She has helped me immensely on my health related problems. Pharmaceutical medicines have nothing but compounded my health problems. Now I am healthy and able to function day to day.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely,
Valerie Mariano
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From: Donna Revard [donnarevard@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 5:51 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB2312

Donna M. Revard
February 4, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329)

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The citizens of Hawaii have demanded access to quality naturopathic care because our naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. As the most highly trained of healthcare practitioners in preventive medicine, they are more than sufficiently qualified to collaborate with other healthcare professionals in providing truly complementary healthcare.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB 2312.

Sincerely,
Donna M. Revard

nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: Gerry Fey [Gerry@AkamaiPM.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 6:03 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: `I oppose HB 2312 relating to naturopathic medicine. please vote correctly....

From: Dr. Nancy Lins [drnancy@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 6:27 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2312

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HB 2312

Status

RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.

Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary.

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Naturopathic Physicians are licensed and board certified in the State of Hawaii and have been for over 75 years. We are trained in Naturopathic Medical Schools in the United States during a four year period. We study all areas of medicine including Pharmacology and Minor Surgery. HB 2312 is directed toward removing the right of the Naturopathic Medical Board to oversee our licensure in these two areas. It is necessary that our board have the power to govern over the allowed procedures Naturopathic Physicians may perform in their practice. The Naturopathic Medical Board is familiar with our training and understands how our scope of practice may best serve the People of Hawaii.

In the State of Hawaii, we have a shortage of medical care for the people especially on the outer islands. Naturopathic Physicians fill a void. We are accepted by some insurance companies in the state and can coordinate care for patients via their Primary Care Physicians (PCP). By having prescriptive rights it allows more people in Hawaii the access to care they need and the medications they require for good health.

In the State of Arizona where I received my educational training, Naturopathic Physicians are designated as Naturopathic Medical Doctors (NMD) and PCPs. The Arizona Board of Naturopathic Medicine governs them and allows them a full scope of practice including a DEA#, minor surgery, acupuncture and other items as pertains to our training. As a result Arizona has some of the best health care in the United States. The board is most intimately acquainted with our training and is best suited for regulating and overseeing the practice of Naturopathic Medicine in the State of Hawaii.

Please do not pass HB 2312. It will damage the medical care that the People of Hawaii deserve.

Thank you,
Dr. Nancy Lins, ND

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 6:45 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: tonyandmaryfrances@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Frances Corey
Organization: Individual
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Phone:
E-mail: tonyandmaryfrances@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state. Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose HB2312

Sandra D. Kobayashi, 55 S. Judd St., Honolulu, HI 96817

February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

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limit Hawaii's ability to attract top-notch naturopathic physicians. As a result, it would be detrimental to the overall quality of healthcare in our state.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB 2312.

Sincerely,

Sandy Kobayashi

February 4, 2010

House Committee on Health
State Capital
Room 239
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: HB 2312 Relating to naturopathic medicine
Hearing on February 5, 2010
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With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving
our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as
primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable
part of our healthcare system. Medical physicians are overwhelmed
with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to
receive basic medical care in a timely manner. I have experienced
delays in care for painful health conditions because I could not obtain
an appointment. I have had to argue with the doctor's office to
obtain an appointment for my child who had an allergic reaction to
medication prescribed by a medical physician.

Restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their
training reduces the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of
this state. Other states recognize naturopathic care and such care is
covered by health insurance. Hawaii has always been a national
leader in health care for its citizen. I urge you to oppose HB 2312 so

that the residents of Hawaii may continue to have valuable and meaningful alternative health care options.

Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely yours,
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nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: TravisT [travist.808@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:12 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB-2312!!!

Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am a Hawaii resident, concerned citizen, teacher & native Hawaiian (not that that matters to you guys - but I'm just saying)

I'm writing to this letter to strongly urge your **opposition to HB 2312** - as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools. Last year, the Hawai'i State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. HB 2312 aims to remove these improvements.

With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

Example: since puberty I had numerous problematic allergies & I had never fully comprehended how they hampered my quality of life, until my naturopath - who came highly recommended - was actually able to cure me of many of my numerous allergies: to milk, to cats, to dust, to mold, to flour, to sugar. Naturopathic physicians are able to accomplish things, traditional western medical doctors still don't believe they can accomplish. And in a place as culturally unique as Hawaii, where the ancient Hawaiians practiced ancestral herbology for medicine generations before the first Haole boats ever cracked the horizon, i believe its a must that we support our Naturopaths - even the ones you dont believe in. not only is it good for business, but its good for the people too. As a voting, tax paying member of the population, i beg you please, oppose HB 2312, or curse those of us who cannot afford the luxury of western medicine.

Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Aloha kakou
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From: Lee Lins [linsl001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:16 AM
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From: Lee C. Lins
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nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: Janet Williams-Reyes [janet@janetreyescpa.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:02 AM
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Subject: OPPOSITION TO HB 2312

OPPOSITION TO HB 2312

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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Anne Harrison
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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From: Carleen Kawamoto [carleenk@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:21 AM
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Subject: OPPOSITION TO HB 2312

February 4, 2010

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB 2312.

Sincerely,

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Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karin Guest
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E-mail: karinguest@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:
TO: Committee on Health
DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 329
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From: Thauna Abrin [wellness@drthauna.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:44 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 2312 testimony
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.gif



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Hawaii citizens need naturopathic physicians who provide specialized and individualized medical care. We really listen!!!

Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Thauna Abrin ND

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nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: Ashley E. Maynard [amaynard@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:55 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Please oppose HB2312

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Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely yours,



Ashley E. Maynard, Ph.D.

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nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: cha3angie@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:56 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: opposition to HB 2312

Dear Ryan Yamane, Chair, Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,
Please, I strongly urge your opposition to HB2312 relating to naturopathic medicine.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB2312.

Sincerely,
Angela M. Runyan Berg
Cha Cha Cha Salsaria
Hawaii Kai

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:
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Submitted by: Paul Galewitz
Organization: Individual
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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: todd harrison
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: harrisonodd@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:
TO: Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 329

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Submitted by: Melissa Barker
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Comments:

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From: Vatter Yasmin [yasminvatter@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:17 AM
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Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Yasmin Vatter
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February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
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From: Danielle Bass on behalf of Rep. Ryan Yamane
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:29 AM
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Subject: FW: OPPOSE HB2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.

From: Grady Deal PhD LMT DC [mailto:drgradydeal@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 11:16 PM
To: Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Roland Sagum; Rep. Scott Saiki; Rep. Calvin Say; Rep. Maile Shimabukuro; Rep. Joseph Souki; Rep. K. Mark Takai; Rep. Roy Takumi; Rep. Cynthia Thielen; Rep. James Tokioka; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Glenn Wakai; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Jessica Wooley; Rep. Ryan Yamane; Rep. Kyle Yamashita
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dara Thompson
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

I am a Naturopathic Physician practicing on the Island of Hawaii. I see every day the affects of the primary care shortage on the health of the Hawaiian population. With the expansion of my scope of practice to reflect my education and training, I hope to help fill that gap. Naturopathic physicians are fully trained in all areas addressed by our recent modernization ill. This bill simply brought us in line with the scope of practice used in all other licensed states. That is why our bill passed all senate and house committees last year. Please do not allow these proposed changes to hurt the Hawaiian public by restricting their access to medical care.

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From: steve dubey [dr.dubey@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:39 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Written Testimony ~Opposing HB 2312

From:
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR STATE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Honorable State Representative Ryan I Yamane, Chair

The Honorable State Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

HB 2312, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

For a hearing scheduled Friday February 5, 2010 at 9:30 AM, Conference Room 329.

February 4, 2010

Honorable Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. Steven Dubey, licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist, practicing on rural Kauai for the last 29 years. I have served on the Naturopathic Board of Examiners, and I am a member of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP). I have maintained a busy Naturopathic Medical practice since 1981 in Lihue. I work integratively with numerous health practitioners on the island, both giving and receiving patient referrals. Many of my medical colleagues refer me their "difficult cases", when treatments with drugs and surgery do not reach a desired outcome. Many of my patients come to me for a complementary approach, to augment or enhance their health, with a variety of complaints. Many patients refer to me as their primary care provider, preferring natural medicines as their primary care.

THE MODERN NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR OF 2010 IS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

I appeal to you on behalf of the people of Hawaii, and to your common sense for **OPPOSITION of HB 2312.**

Last year the legislature passed SB420 SD2, HD2 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine which was subsequently vetoed by Governor Linda Lingle and then overridden during special session by the Senate with a vote of 25 ayes to 0 noes with one reservation, and by the House with 45 ayes to 2 noes, with 4 excused to create Act 22 on 7-15-2009. Act 22 amends chapter 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS 455) to modernize the

naturopathic medicines scope of practice to include parenteral therapy, minor office procedures and for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to develop a prescription formulary.

HB 2312 seeks to eliminate this modernization of HRS 455, and does essentially remove Act 22.

This bill's introduction may in fact be based on misunderstanding and poor communication between the Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) and the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP) and our national association, the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP). Attempts to have our association representatives meet with members of the HMA have not been fruitful with meaningful dialogue. WE (the HSNP) SEEK TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH ALL ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

After all the work and time the Hawaii legislature put in on these issues; listening to the overwhelming support from our profession, the public, and our allied health network that testified and submitted testimony on our behalf, it seems SB 2489 is put before you as a poorly timed attempt to roll back progress in health care choices for the people of Hawaii. Hawaii now has an opportunity to lower health care costs by allowing greater access to Naturopathic Doctors, and giving them the ability to practice to the extent of their training.

Thank you for serving the people of Hawaii in the work you do everyday, and by OPPOSING HB 2312.

Sincerely

Steven Dubey, ND, LAc

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From: Candace Van Buren on behalf of Rep. Scott Nishimoto
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:28 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: FW: Oppose HB2312

From: Grady Deal PhD LMT DC [mailto:drgradydeal@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:53 PM
To: Rep. Pono Chong; Rep. Ryan Yamane; Rep. Scott Nishimoto
Subject: Oppose HB2312

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From: Junko Lowry [julowry@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:42 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329)

Junko Lowry
1477 Halekoa Drive
Honolulu, HI 96821

February 3, 2010

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From: Jones Skipper [jones_skipper@bah.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:52 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: OPPOSITION TO HB 2312

Skipper Jones
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February 4, 2010

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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Liz Stephens
Organization: Individual
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Phone:
E-mail: lzstephens@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:
TO: Committee on Health

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 329

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From: Alan Ewell [ewell@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:03 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312

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Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,
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From: Gabrielle Gouveia [gabbywong@aol.com]
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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB 2312.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Gouveia

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Susan M. Mirikitani
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TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: OPPOSITION TO HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329)

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Mirikitani

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From: Lindsay McAneeley [lmcaaneeley@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:08 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: H.B. 2312, Scheduled for Hearing by the House Committee on Health on February 5, 2009 at 9:30

Dear Representative Yamane, Chair, Representative Nishimoto, Vice-Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly urge your **opposition to H.B. No. 2312**, pertaining to naturopathic medicine.

Naturopathic physicians are highly skilled and educated medical professionals, who should be permitted to practice and offer the full spectrum of services afforded by their extensive education and training.

To the extent that HB 2312 seeks to remove the authority of board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary, this bill, if passed, would restrict naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training. Accordingly, passage of this bill would not only undermine the extensive education (and associated time, energy, money, hard work and dedication) of naturopathic physicians, but would significantly reduce the availability of valuable health care services and alternatives in the State of Hawai'i.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you **oppose HB 2312**.

Sincerely,

Lindsay McAneeley
Kailua, HI 96734

February 5, 2010

To: House Health Committee, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto

Re: HB2312, Relating to Naturopathy; hearing on 2/5/10; 9:30 AM

My name is T.N. Jade Tran, M.D., working for the State Department of Health. I am writing in **OPPOSITION TO HB1155 HD1**, not as a representative of the Department of Health, but as a private practitioner. I am very familiar with the breadth of education and training a naturopathic physician receives and believe they are well qualified to practice as current law defines.

Sincerely,

Jade Tran, M.D.

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From: Steven Sue [floss@aloha.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:21 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB 2312

Dear House Committee on Health,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your opposition to HB 2312 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. We need greater access to naturopathic care, not more limited care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training is sad and will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

Thank you for your consideration. Please oppose HB 2312.

Sincerely yours,

Steven Sue
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From: Malia M. Cox [hawnprincess@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:21 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: RE:

Dear Honorable Representatives Yamane, Nishimoto, and committee members

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Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools. Last year, the Hawai'i State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. HB 2312 aims to remove these improvements.

The lives of my two children with severe food/environmental allergies have benefited tremendously from the care that they have received from naturopathic doctors. Our children suffered for several years before we decided to turn to non-western medicine. While we still continue to see traditional western doctors, we have found that the methodology/care provided by their NDs has allowed them to thrive rather than just deal the impacts of their allergies after the fact. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state by reducing choice.

With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care.

Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose H.B. 2312**.

Sincerely yours,

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:28 AM
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Subject: OPPOSITION TO HB 2312

From:

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Feb. 3, 2010

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On a personal note, I access naturopathic medicine and feel it is a crucial component to my health care. It

doesn't preclude my need for conventional medicine, but it has been key in my health for a serious, life-altering chronic condition that does not always respond to conventional approaches. The two really do belong together, side by side, in a modern approach to medicine. Each has their place in the management and treatment of disease.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB 2312.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE
Rep Ryan Yamane, Chair, Rep Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

HB 2312, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

For a hearing scheduled Fri February 5, 2010 at 9:30 AM, Conference Room 329

February 4, 2010

Rep Yamane, Rep Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. Karen Tan, licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist and have been in private practice in Honolulu since 1995. I am testifying in **OPPOSITION to HB 2312.**

Last year the legislature passed SB420 SD2, HD2 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine which was subsequently vetoed by Governor Linda Lingle and then overridden during special session by the Senate with a vote of 25 ayes to 0 noes with one reservation and by the House with 45 ayes to 2 noes, with 4 excused to create Act 22 on 7-15-2009. Act 22 amends chapter 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS 455) to modernize the naturopathic medicines scope of practice to include parenteral therapy, minor office procedures and for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to develop a prescription formulary.

HB 2312 seeks to eliminate this modernization of HRS 455.

A more detailed explanation of naturopathic medicine and the specific modernization aspects of HRS 455 are presented below.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine's formulary adoption:

The formulary adopted by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine on 1/1/10 reflects one adopted by the California Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine in 2007. That formulary was developed over a two year period by a panel of two naturopathic doctors, two allopathic/medical doctors and two pharmacists. Similar and broader formularies were adopted many years ago in other western states, such as Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Utah and Montana. It is a formulary that reflects the fact that naturopathic doctors provide primary care, and need to have access to medications, which are commonly used in such care. The Hawaii naturopathic formulary does not include any controlled

substances, or any medications, which are generally prescribed by specialists, such as oncologists, neurologists, and cardiologists.

In preparation for the California Bureau's report, the Bureau contacted the licensing agencies for each of the states that allow NDs to prescribe. None of the states reported any patient harm or disciplinary action due to ND prescribing. In addition, the states were not aware of any civil actions against NDs for prescribing.

The California Bureau also contacted NCMIC Insurance Company. NCMIC insures NDs in all of the licensing states and also insures the naturopathic medical schools. In a letter to the Bureau dated June 7, 2006, NCMIC stated: "In the five years that NCMIC has been insuring Naturopathic Physicians and the colleges, we have never opened a claim against a Naturopathic Physician involving prescription medications."

Additionally, the Bureau contacted Jury Verdicts Northwest (JVN) to see if there were any civil actions filed against a licensed ND. JVN covers both Oregon and Washington, the two states with the greatest number of NDs and that have been licensing NDs for a considerable length of time (since 1919 and 1927, respectively). JVN responded "Upon reviewing cases contained in Jury Verdicts Northwest's database we found no cases against naturopaths for prescription negligence, or for that matter our database contained no cases against naturopaths at all."¹

Naturopathic Medical School Pharmacological Education

1. Naturopathic medical students are required to learn about all classes of pharmaceutical agents, regardless of their ability to prescribe them under various state laws.
2. A typical program includes 72 hours of classroom education with principles of pharmacodynamics, side effects and therapeutic uses of legend or prescription drugs. There are also many additional hours in gynaecology, urology, cardiology, dermatology etc where prescription medications are discussed. A minimum of 1200 hours of clinical training are also part of our training. This compares favorably with the didactic education for other medical professionals with legend drug prescription rights.
3. Pharmacology is also an integral part of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination (NPLEX). NPLEX consists of extensive clinical case summaries for which the candidate must answer a series of questions relevant to diagnosis and treatment for each case.
4. Naturopathic physicians are trained to recognize the indications, efficacy and potential side effects of all drugs a patient is on whether they can prescribe them or not, since many patients come in already taking medications. In all teaching clinics, assessment of the patient history includes an evaluation of their current pharmacological treatments.

Parenteral Therapies

1. Naturopathic doctors licensed in Hawaii and nationwide have been administering natural substances including vitamins, minerals and amino acids subcutaneously, intramuscularly and intravenously (in parenterally) for over 20 years. The naturopathic governing statute, HRS 455 prior to 2009 stated naturopathic doctors may use the "...natural methods or modalities, together with natural or homeopathic medicines, natural foods, and herbs, and nature's remedies of the type taught in education and training at naturopathic medical colleges." Because injection routes are taught in naturopathic medical colleges, doctors had chosen in the past to safely utilize these effective methods.
2. In 1984, the Board governing naturopathic physicians issued an opinion that the injection of vitamins was within our scope of practice. There has not been one case of misuse or harm caused by these methods reported to the state licensing board or the state member society. In addition, naturopathic malpractice insurance companies insure practitioners using these techniques. The largest insurance companies offering malpractice insurance have not received one malpractice claim throughout the nation against a naturopathic physician for the misuse of injection methods.
3. There were no complaints brought to the Board of Naturopathic Examiners in regard to the use of these injectable natural medicines by naturopathic physicians during this time. In 2006, the legislature approved HB1155 which clarified that naturopathic physicians have the authority to administer natural medicines by injection, although the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Vitamin, mineral, and amino acid injections are very beneficial for a variety of health conditions, including immune enhancement, correcting nutrient deficiencies, and eliminating toxic substances such as heavy metals (lead, mercury, etc.). Naturopathic physicians provide a valuable service to public health and safety by offering this treatment.

Opposition to HB 2312 would allow naturopathic physicians to continue to practice primary care medicine as they are trained to.

Sincerely

Karen Tan, ND., MAcOM, LAc.

nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: Charlie & Layne Soon [haleola@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:30 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: opposition to HB2312

Dear Congress:

As a citizen of this great country I want to thank you all for your service to keep our nation together. I know it is a difficult task and there are many disagreements, which I refer to as misunderstandings from both sides of the isle.

I am writing to express my opposition to HB2313. Let's listen to the voices of your constituents not only from your district but the entire nation as one under God.

Thank you and may God bless our congressional leaders.

Aloha,

Charlie & Layne Soon

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From: askthedoctor@eclecticherb.com
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:15 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: testimony opposing HB2312

TO: Committee on Health
DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 329

RE: HB2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.

Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Michael Ancharski and I have been a licensed naturopathic physician for over 31 years. I have practiced on Kauai for 8+ years and most of my patients come to me for primary health care, many without medical insurance. The naturopathic modernization law enables me to provide care as I was trained, for such basic treatments as antibiotics for common staph and strep infections or thyroid hormone for hypothyroid patients. The basis of my clinical approach is preventive, nutritional, and natural medicine, but there are occasions when prescriptions or minor office procedures are required, such as sewing up surf cuts or draining boils.

I have practiced and been a professor and clinical instructor at the naturopathic medical schools and teaching clinics in Portland, Oregon and Tempe, Arizona and can directly testify to the wide scope of training in pharmacy and office procedures. In Oregon and Arizona, similar modernization laws were enacted, resisted, and eventually found to be beneficial to the health care of the residents. Both states have for many years had full prescription rights with DEA certificates and complaints have been minimal, occurring at a lesser rate than those for MD's.

Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose HB2312.

Sincerely,
Michael Ancharski, ND

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From: elizabeth elliott [elizabeth.elliott.nd@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:31 AM
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Subject: Appropriate licensure for Naturopathic Physicians

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February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

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Sincerely,

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Re: HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; hearing on 2/5/1-; 9:30 AM, conference room 329.

To: Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Health Committee

From: Richard Rovin M.D., N.D.

Date: February 5, 2010

Subject: Opposition of HB 2312, Relating to Naturopathy

I am writing in **OPPOSITION OF HB 2312**. I am Dr. Richard Rovin in active practice as a licensed allopathic(conventional MD) and naturopathic doctor here in the state of Hawaii. I believe I am uniquely qualified to assess the qualifications of both licensed professions. There is a great deal of overlap in the two professions, yet very distinct differences in the practice philosophies. Modern health care needs both, the public deserves both and each should be given the full right to practice as they are trained. The passage of SB 420 in 2009, resulting in Act 22 was necessary to allow naturopaths to do just that and help many patients who otherwise could not be helped with conventional medical care.

HB 2312 seeks to reverse the modernization of naturopathic medicine here in Hawaii at a time when other western states such as Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah and Montana have embraced our recently legislated naturopathic scope of practice for many years.

I respectfully ask for your opposition of HB 2312.

Sincerely,

Richard Rovin MD, ND

From: Barbara Ritchie [blritchie@hawaii.rr.com]
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February 4, 2010

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Sincerely,

Barbara L. Ritchie

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:46 AM
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Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

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Re HB 2312, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Health hearing on Friday, 2/3/10, 0930, conference room 329.

To: Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Health Committee

From: Shephard Ginandes M.D.

Date: February 5, 2010

Subject: Opposition of HB 2312, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

I am writing in **OPPOSITION OF SB420 HD1**, as a private health care practitioner who both receives naturopathic medical care and refers patients to naturopathic physicians. I am very familiar with the breadth of education and training a naturopathic physician receives and believe they are well qualified to serve as primary care doctors here in the state of Hawaii. The modernization of their practice act will serve the community well while protecting public safety and health.

The formulary they have adopted as of January 1, 2010 allows them to safely and legally manage patients who seek to change their health status through lifestyle modification and/or utilizing nutrients and herbs in cases where a prescription drug is not effective or causing excessive side effects. Naturopathic physicians have taken the oath of "first do no harm" just as I have.

Sincerely,

Shepard Ginandes, M.D.

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Subject: HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Lauri Fu

February 4, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329)

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB 2312.

Sincerely,

Lauri Fu

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
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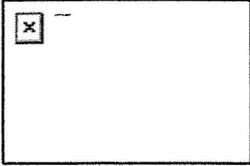
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Sincerely yours,
Julia Beame
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Conference room: 329
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Comments:

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Sincerely yours,
Maria Palompo

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February 4, 2010

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Sincerely,

Catherine Dichner

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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto., Vice Chair

HB2312, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

For a hearing scheduled Friday February 5, 2010 at 9:30 AM,
Conference Room 329.

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. Jack Burke, licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist,
and I urge you to oppose HB 2312.

This bill, and the testimony that was given in support of its companion bill SB 2489, is a clear and simple turf battle, reminiscent of attacks on optometrists, nurse practitioners, psychologists, etc. The attacks are similar in nature and in veracity. Surprisingly, the testimony from the University of Hawaii Medical School is misleading and inaccurate on its face, misstating the requirements for admission to Naturopathic Medical School, and the quality of the courses - referring to them as undergraduate level. We fought this battle years ago in the legislature, and provided statements from the State of Oregon that the training of Naturopathic medical students was equal to that of medical students, only representing a different philosophy of healing. This philosophy allows us to work *with* patients to guide them towards healthful practices and lifestyles, rather than *on* patients. This empowerment of the patient is exactly what is needed to lower health care costs before they bankrupt

the state.

This bill is disingenuous and disrespectful. The Legislature of the State of Hawaii spoke clearly last year. The medical doctors laid in wait, counting on Governor Lingle to veto the bill. Now they hope to undermine progress and protect their privileged status. One only has to remember what happened to the nurse practitioner formulary, which languished for years at the hands of the medical doctors on their formulary committee to see that this policy is merely obstructive.

Please kill this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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nishimoto2-Ashley-Nicole

From: Nicole Fechtig [nicolefechtig@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 10:44 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: RE: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Nicole Fechtig
2138 Ha'ena Drive
Honolulu, HI 96822
February 3, 2010

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, the Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329)

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Sincerely, Nicole Fechtig

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 10:45 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: ka_broderick@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kathrine Broderick
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 10:47 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: breanna.waliser@bastyr.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: BreAnna Waliser
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 10:48 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: melissalemay34@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Melissa LeMay
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: melissalemay34@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 10:58 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: shebasroy@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM HB2312

Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sheba Roy
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 11:13 AM
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Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Organization: Individual
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From: RC Amancio [tifai113@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 11:17 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE HB2313 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329)

Ruth C. Amancio

February 3, 2010

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 11:43 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: star4mags@hotmail.com
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Margaret Luther
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Address: 3626 NE 123rd St. WA
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E-mail: star4mags@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Casey Berkebile
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From: Dh1lighthouse@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 12:02 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: RE: PLEASE OPPOSE HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Hearing scheduled f

Aimee Rice
PO Box 240519
Hnl, HI 96824-0519
February 3, 2010

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Sincerely,
Aimee Rice

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 12:13 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: arika.dortero@bastyr.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arika Dortero
Organization: Individual
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Phone:
E-mail: arika.dortero@bastyr.edu
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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To: HLTtestimony
Cc: janedsaxton@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jane D. Saxton
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: janedsaxton@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 12:30 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: diana.crumrine@bastyr.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/5/2010 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diana Crumrine
Organization: Individual
Address: 30th Ave NE Seattle, WA
Phone: 206-250-0996
E-mail: diana.crumrine@bastyr.edu
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 12:36 PM
To: HLTtestimony
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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: chandy-ann lopez
Organization: Individual
Address: 553 Waikala St. kahului,hi 96732
Phone:
E-mail: chandy-ann.lopes@bastyr.edu
Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: alison kerns
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Healthcare needs every opportunity to advance and provide all the treatments available to the patients. While healthcare has become a political issue with pharmaceutical companies attempting to discredit medicinal approaches that do not rely heavily on them, providing quality healthcare should be a human issue, of providing the best and full scope of medicine that is available today.

HAWAII SOCIETY OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

Dr. Laurie Steelsmith
Legislative Committee Member

TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

HB 2312, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

For a hearing scheduled Friday February 5, 2010 at 9:30 PM, Conference Room 329.

February 5, 2010

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist. I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP) who write in **OPPOSITION of HB 2312.**

Last year the legislature passed SB420 SD2, HD2 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine which was subsequently vetoed by Governor Linda Lingle and then overridden during special session by the Senate with a vote of 25 ayes to 0 noes with one reservation and by the House with 45 ayes to 2 noes, with 4 excused to create Act 22 on 7-15-2009. Act 22 amends chapter 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS 455) to modernize the naturopathic medicines scope of practice to include parenteral therapy, minor office procedures and for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to develop a prescription formulary.

HB 2312 seeks to eliminate this modernization of HRS 455.

A more detailed explanation of naturopathic medicine and the specific modernization aspects of HRS 455 are presented below.

A Brief Description of Naturopathic Medicine:

Naturopathic medicine bridges the gap between natural and conventional medicine. It is a distinct and comprehensive form of medicine that blends centuries-old, natural, non-toxic therapies with current advances in the study of health and human systems. Naturopathic medicine covers all aspects of family health from prenatal to geriatric care, with a special focus on whole-patient wellness.

Philosophy and Treatment Methods

Naturopathic physicians (ND) are trained as integrative doctors, emphasizing the use of natural therapies in the treatment and prevention of acute and chronic illnesses. Naturopathic practice is predicated upon the assumption that the human body is

inherently capable of healing itself. In practice, NDs perform physical examinations, take thorough health histories, make nutritional and dietary assessments, and order lab tests. NDs may also order diagnostic tests and imaging procedures such as x-rays, ultrasounds, and anything else a general practitioner would require to access health and determine appropriate treatment methods for a patient. Referrals are made to specialists or other healthcare providers for additional testing or treatment when necessary.

Education

Naturopathic physicians attend four-year; graduate level, in-residency programs at institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. There are currently four such schools in the United States. Naturopathic medical schools provide the same foundational coursework as conventional medical schools. In fact, ND programs often provide more pharmacology and physiology than mainstream MD schools do. In addition, ND programs provide extensive education unique to their treatment approach, emphasizing disease prevention and wellness.

While this list is by no means comprehensive, naturopathic physicians are trained in the following: clinical nutrition, botanical medicine, pharmacology, parenteral/intravenous therapies, homeopathic medicine, physical medicine, lifestyle counseling and stress management, natural childbirth, minor office procedures and monitoring nutrient/drug/herb interactions. In fact, NDs are the only healthcare professionals formally trained to monitor and manage nutrient/drug/herb interactions.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine's formulary adoption:

The formulary adopted by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine on 1/1/10 reflects one adopted by the California Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine in 2007. That formulary was developed over a two year period by a panel of two naturopathic doctors, two allopathic/medical doctors and two pharmacists. Similar and broader formularies were adopted many years ago in other western states, such as Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Utah and Montana. It is a formulary that reflects the fact that naturopathic doctors provide primary care, and need to have access to medications which are commonly used in such care. The Hawaii naturopathic formulary does not include any controlled substances, or any medications which are primarily prescribed by specialists, such as oncologists, neurologists, and cardiologists.

In preparation for the California Bureau's report, the Bureau contacted the licensing agencies for each of the states that allow NDs to prescribe. None of the states reported any patient harm or disciplinary action due to ND prescribing. In addition, the states were not aware of any civil actions against NDs for prescribing.

The California Bureau also contacted NCMIC Insurance Company. NCMIC insures NDs in all of the licensing states and also insures the naturopathic medical schools. In a letter to the Bureau dated June 7, 2006, NCMIC stated: "In the five years that NCMIC has been insuring Naturopathic Physicians and the colleges, we have never opened a claim against a Naturopathic Physician involving prescription medications."

Additionally, the Bureau contacted Jury Verdicts Northwest (JVN) to see if there were any civil actions filed against a licensed ND. JVN covers both Oregon and Washington, the two states with the greatest number of NDs and that have been licensing NDs for a considerable length of time (since 1919 and 1927, respectively). JVN responded “Upon reviewing cases contained in Jury Verdicts Northwest’s database we found no cases against naturopaths for prescription negligence,”

Naturopathic Medical School Pharmacological Education

Interventions by naturopathic physicians include the use of pharmaceuticals when appropriate. Naturopathic medical students are required to learn about all classes of pharmaceutical agents, regardless of their ability to prescribe them under various state laws. A typical program includes 72 hours of classroom education which includes the principles of pharmacodynamics, side effects, and therapeutic uses of legend, or prescription drugs. This does not include many other hours in courses such as gynecology, urology, cardiology, dermatology, etc. where prescription medications are discussed. It also does not include the minimum 1200 hours of clinical training where prescription medications are prescribed, administered, and managed as part of comprehensive treatment plans. This compares favorably with the didactic education for other medical professionals with legend drug prescribing rights.

Pharmacology is also an integral part of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination (NPLEX). NPLEX consists of extensive clinical case summaries for which the candidate must answer a series of questions relevant to diagnosis and treatment for each case.

Naturopathic students are exposed routinely in their clinical training to the appropriate selection, prescription, and management of prescriptive drug use, with clinical rotations providing practical management experience. They are also exposed to a wide variety of patient populations, and while it is true that many patients select naturopathic care based on their desire to avoid or reduce use of legend drugs with perceived side effects, a drug may be the best choice for their care at certain times. Naturopathic physicians are trained to recognize the indications, efficacy and potential side effects of all drugs a patient is on whether they can prescribe them or not, since many patients come in already taking medications. In all teaching clinics, assessment of the patient history includes an evaluation of their current pharmacological treatments.

Parenteral therapies:

Naturopathic doctors licensed here in Hawaii and nationwide have been administering natural substances including vitamins, minerals and amino acids subcutaneously, intramuscularly and intravenously (i.e., parenterally) for over twenty years. The naturopathic governing statute, HRS 455 prior to 2009 stated naturopathic doctors may use the “...natural methods or modalities, together with natural or homeopathic medicines, natural foods, and herbs, and nature’s remedies of the type taught in education and training at naturopathic medical colleges.” Because injection routes are taught in naturopathic medical colleges, doctors had chosen in the past to safely utilize these effective methods.

The naturopathic governing board issued an opinion in 1984 that the injection of vitamins was within the scope of practice of naturopathic physicians. There has not been one case of misuse or harm caused by these methods reported to the state licensing board or the state member society. In addition, naturopathic malpractice insurance companies insure practitioners using these techniques. The largest insurance companies offering malpractice insurance have not received one malpractice claim throughout the nation against a naturopathic physician for the misuse of injection methods.

There were no complaints brought to the Hawaii Board of Naturopathic Examiners in regard to the use of these injectable natural medicines by naturopathic physicians during this time. In 2006, the legislature approved HB1155 which clarified that naturopathic physicians have the authority to administer natural medicines by injection, although the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Vitamin, mineral, and amino acid injections are very beneficial for a variety of health conditions, including immune enhancement, correcting nutrient deficiencies, and eliminating toxic substances such as heavy metals (lead, mercury, etc.). Naturopathic physicians provide a valuable service to public health and safety by offering this treatment.

Opposition of HB 2312 would allow naturopathic physicians to continue to practice primary care medicine as they are trained to.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.