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TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2009

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009
2:15 P.M.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 420 S.D.2 H.D.1
RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. HERKES, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, VICE-CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.2 H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine. My name is Jo Ann Uchida, Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). The Department offers the following comments.

Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.2 H.D.1 contains a number of amendments to the Naturopathy chapter. The bill requires the Board to adopt rules that: 1) establish standards of practice, care, and ethics; 2) require licensees to complete educational

courses and training for parenteral therapy; 3) establish requirements for parenteral therapy; and 4) establish requirements for examination on minor office procedures. The current draft also permits the Board to annually publish a Board-approved naturopathic formulary (page 11, lines 18-21) and prohibits licensees from prescribing, administering, and dispensing medications not approved by the Board (page 16, lines 4-5).

The Department notes that the House Draft 1 authorizes the Board to publish a naturopathic formulary, however, licensees are prohibited from prescribing, administering, and dispensing "medications" that are not approved by the Board. The term "medications" could be construed to mean something other than all naturopathic formulary as published by the Board. As a result, the Department respectfully requests that the bill make clear that licensees may only prescribe, administer, and dispense naturopathic formulary that are approved by the Board by substituting the language on page 16, lines 4-5 with the following:

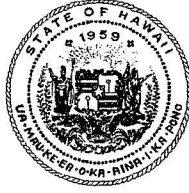
(16) Prescribing, administering and dispensing naturopathic formulary that are not approved by the board; and

The Department also respectfully requests that the phrase "by naturopathic physicians" in the definition of "Naturopathic medicine" on page 6, line 13, be deleted. Since "naturopathic physician" is currently defined in the law as a person licensed to practice naturopathic medicine, the Department would technically not be able to pursue an action against an unlicensed person engaging in naturopathic medicine if the definition of "Naturopathic medicine" only applied to licensees.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.2. H.D.1. I will be happy to answer any questions that the members of the Committee may have.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
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Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Monday, March 30, 2009, 2:15 pm
State Capitol, Room 325

Representative Herkes and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) defers to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on the HD1 version of Senate Bill 420 SD2 HD1 as it pertains to Naturopathic Physicians. PSD would like to clarify that if at any time Senate Bill 420 SD2 HD1 were amended to include language pertaining to Naturopathic Physicians having prescriptive authority for controlled substances, the Department would strongly oppose that amendment. PSD still has serious concerns in regard to Naturopathic Physicians having the ability to administer, prescribe, and dispense controlled substances. The Department agrees with the Hawaii Medical Association, and many other physician organizations that Naturopathic Physicians do not have adequate training or experience in relation to administering, prescribing, or dispensing pharmaceutical controlled substances.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN NATUROPATHY**

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NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Dr. Michael Traub, Chairperson of the Board of Examiners in Naturopathy ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

The purpose of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 is to amend the title of the chapter regulating naturopathy to "naturopathic medicine"; define and clarify the scope of "naturopathic medicine"; authorize naturopathic physicians to prescribe prescription drugs pursuant to a naturopathic formulary that is established by the Board; authorize naturopathic physicians to administer parenteral therapy (i.e., treatments by injection); authorize naturopathic physicians to perform minor office procedures (which is synonymous with minor surgery); and authorize the Board to issue temporary licenses to out-of-state naturopathic physicians in a declared public health emergency.

The Board has not had the opportunity to review this measure however the Board has taken a position in support of the intent of S.B. No. 420. Although the Board has not had a chance to review S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2, H.D.1, it supports the intent of

S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, with the following amendments that would increase consumer protection which is a duty that the Board is committed to uphold.

1. Section 1 – Exceptions; scope of chapter: On page 2, lines 19 and 20, clarify that naturopathic medical students are enrolled in a school that meets the requirements of the Board as follows: “The practice of naturopathic medicine by students enrolled in a school ~~approved by the Board~~ that meets the requirements of section 455-3.”
2. Section 3 – Definition of “Naturopathic Medicine”: Clarify the definition of “naturopathic medicine” on page 6, lines 10-21 as follows: “Naturopathic medicine” means the practice of the art and science of diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders of the body support, stimulation or both, of the natural processes of the human body by naturopathic physicians. The practice of naturopathic medicine includes the prescription, administration, dispensing, and use of nutrition and food science, physical modalities, manual manipulation, parenteral therapy, minor office procedures, naturopathic formulary, hygiene and immunization, contraceptive devices, common diagnostic procedures, and behavioral medicine of the type taught in education and training at naturopathic medical colleges; provided that the use of parenteral therapy and performance of minor office procedures shall not be allowed until the board promulgates rules in accordance with chapter 91 pursuant to section 455-6.” This amendment clarifies that naturopathic physicians will

not be able to use parenteral therapy or perform minor office procedures until the Board promulgates rules that establish education, training and examination requirements for naturopathic physicians to perform parenteral therapy and minor office procedures.

3. Section 7 – Powers and duties of the Board: On page 11, lines 1-11, clarify the standards and requirements that the Board is obligated to establish in order to provide protection for consumers as follows:

~~“(A) May forbid acts or practices deemed by the board to be detrimental to the accomplishment of the purpose of this chapter; and~~

~~“(B) Shall shall establish standards of practice, care and ethics; require licensees to complete educational courses shall establish the education and training requirements for parenteral therapy; and the standards to administer ~~establish requirements for~~ parenteral therapy; shall establish requirements for examination standards and require the passage of an examination on minor office procedures; and may adopt, amend or repeal any other rules necessary to fully effectuate the purpose of this chapter;”~~

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.



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Re: SB 420 NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

In Opposition

Chairs & Committee Members:

While Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) appreciates the Health Chair's amendment to SB 420 deleting provisions authorizing naturopathic physicians to prescribe controlled substances and adding requirements for additional standards, we continue to have concerns with this measure.

HMA must oppose this measure because:

- (a) naturopathic training and education in medical care is not as extensive and thorough as a medical doctor's;
- (b) other non-physician groups have used similar bills to allow for further expansions of scope beyond what the medical community feels is appropriate for ensuring public safety;
- (c) the Hawaii Medical Board has the highest qualification for regulation of prescriptive authority; and
- (d) some of the most potent drugs available are "natural", such as penicillin, and expanding these privileges is potentially very dangerous and beyond a naturopath's expertise.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009
RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and others for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

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Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
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Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I am a Kailua, Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a long-time patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health. In three cases, she has been able to supply me and my family with care that "cured" when traditional methods could not. Yet for many Hawaii residents they cannot afford to see a naturopath because of the costs, on top of already paying for their traditional health coverage.

I believe that all residents should have the choice to use their health coverage on the type of care of their choice. These doctors are highly trained, offer less invasive (and less expensive) procedures, and provide the patient with information that empowers the patient to make positive lifestyle changes and in many cases cures their health issue and stops the progression of future problems.

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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. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Allowing naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training will greatly increase the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,
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March 28, 2009

Dear Rep. Robert Herkes, Chair, Rep. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I am a resident of Hawaii for over 20 years. I write to you as a strong supporter of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D. 1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr.'s Laurie Steelsmith and Ryan Ferchoff for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health and well being. The point of going to a Naturopath is to keep the body in it's fittest form therefore preserving the immune system and maintaining a balance that nature intends. Both of these doctors have done so with their extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and are by far the most highly trained "preventative" medicine experts. Let's face it, if you have to see a M.D., chances are something is already wrong and treating just the after effects of the problem doesn't always work. Both Dr's Steelsmith and Ferchoff are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing the passing of SB 420, SD2 HD1.

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Sincerely,
Betsy Dyer

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Aubrey Morgan [aubrey_morgan@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 9:17 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: naturopathic medicine

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Sincerely,

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Diane Pang [diane@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 9:35 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

I have found naturopathic medicine a good complimentary option to my regular doctor. After trying numerous times over the course of 5 years using a very expensive IVF doctor with no success – I turned to naturopathic doctor and became pregnant in 6 months and now have a 2 year old son. It is a healthier option and less expensive – even for daily cold/flu. In the long run, will reduce medical expensive with preventive medicine.

Please consider this during a time when cost is a very critical matter.

Diane Pang

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka [treiberk@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 8:00 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Mark and Carolyn Arnold [arnoldhi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 5:08 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

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Dear Friends:

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL!

NATURAPATHIC MEDICAL CARE IS THE SAFE, NATURAL AND NON CHEMICAL WAY OF THE FUTURE FOR ALL OF US!

THANK YOU

Carolyn and Mark Arnold
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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: r brab [becabrab2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 5:03 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support

Rebeca Brabenec
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Honolulu 96814
March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Sincerely,
Rebeca Brabenec

Sharon Sagayadoro

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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 5:41 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Dear Chair, Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, **H.D.1** relating to naturopathic medicine. Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, naturopathic physician, saved my life in the 1990's when I was her patient. I had suddenly developed very painful joint swelling. The medical facility, where I'd been a patient for years, determined I had arthritis and wanted to treat me for it. I intuitively knew it was something else. When my insurance open season allowed, I transferred to a provider which covered naturopathic medicine. Through laboratory testing we discovered I had become highly allergic to most of the foods I was eating. By eliminating these allergens my "arthritis" disappeared. After giving my body a rest from the offensive foods, they were slowly reintroduced. Had I followed the traditional course of action I'd have taken expensive and basically ineffective drugs with perhaps lethal results. Most importantly I discovered arthritis is an allergic reaction and can be controlled by eliminating the cause rather than treating symptoms.

Expanding the scope of naturopathic medicine in Hawaii to highly trained, licensed, preventive medicine experts can address our local populations need for doctor when there are critical shortages.

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I am grateful for your consideration of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D. and look forward to hearing of its passage.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dinoff
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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Dorothy Clegg [dmclegg@earthlink.net]
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Subject: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Tracie Umaki [tjumaki@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 4:30 AM
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March 28, 2009

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Sincerely,

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From: dr.dubey@hawaiiantel.net
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 2:42 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: TESTIMONY SENATE BILL 420- NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE- MODERNIZATION BILL

TESTIMONY SENATE BILL 420
NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE- MODERNIZATION BILL March 27, 2009

HOUSE COMMITTEE on COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS HEARING
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009 Time: 2:15 PM

TO: CHAIRPERSON: HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT N HERKES
VICE CHAIR: HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE GLENN WAKAI
and CPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEAR CHAIR , VICE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I am Dr Steve Dubey, Hawaii licensed Naturopathic Physician and Acupuncturist, practicing 28 years. I write to you today in favor of passage of SB 420. This bill simply puts the definition and practice of Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii at a comparable level with the rest of our profession in North America.

I live and practice on the island of Kauai. I have run a busy clinic in Lihue since 1981. My staff and I offer family health care , with an emphasis on musculo-skeletal therapies and modalities, utilizing Natural Medicines including medicinal herbs, nutrition, life style counseling, and preventative patient education. I have now treated members of our community from the newborn to the elderly , with nearly every simple and complex health diagnosis listed in Dorland's Medical Dictionary.

From 1996 to 2004 I served on the Naturopathic Board of Examiners, and finished my last term as Chairperson. Hawaii Revised Statute Chapter 455 , which licenses Naturopathic Doctors in our state, was first put into law in 1926 , before Hawaii attained statehood. Much of the original language is still in the statute.

On numerous occasions, during my term on the Board, it was obvious that our statute has simply become outdated. Due to this fact, it has unfairly restricted the practice of Hawaii's licensed NDs and turned away numerous Hawaii born practitioners because we have been come to be known as a " Backwards State"- a state where graduates from Naturopathic schools can not practice to the full extent of their training. Modern Naturopathic training prepares the Doctors of today as Primary Health Care providers with a specialty in practical, common sense Natural Health Care.

I don't have to go into specifics of how Science, Technology and Health Care in general has changed over the last 80 years.

Appropriately, Naturopathic Medicine , as taught in the accredited educational institutions that train Naturopathic Physicians, has changed as well.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in putting Hawaii's Naturopathic Physicians scope and definition of practice at a level with the rest of our profession throughout the continental United States, Alaska, and Canada.

Yours Sincerely

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Charlie & Layne Soon [haleola@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 6:09 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
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Sincerely,
Layne Soon

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Dawson Durden [durdenb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 2:39 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: info@naturalchoicesforwomen.com
Subject: Support for S.B. No. 420, S.D.2,H.D.1, RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

W. Dawson Durden, Jr., M.D.
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March 28, 2009

To: The House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, 25th Legislature, Regular Session of 2009 COMMITTEE ON CP&C HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009 AT 2:15 P.M., ROOM 325

Dear Representative Robert N.Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House committee on CP&C

As a Hawaii resident and retired M.D. I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. NO. 420, S.D.2,H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. When I was in the private practice of Gastroenterology Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and I referred patients to one another. I was always impressed by the professional care she gave her patients. I referred my wife to Dr. Steelsmith and was very pleased with the care she received. We are strong advocates of naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full extent of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

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Sincerely,

W. Dawson Durden, Jr. M.D.(Ret)

Sharon Sagayadoro

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 2:33 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine
Importance: High

Deborah Kienle
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Kapolei, HI 96707

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

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Sharon Sagayadoro

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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

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Sincerely,
Janice K. Gardner

**TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE
The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair**

SB 420, SD2, HD1: Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

For a hearing scheduled Monday March 30, 2009 at 2:15 PM, Conference Room 325

March 28, 2009

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. David Kern, licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist. I am on the Allied Medical Staff of Maui Memorial Medical Center and I sit on the Mayor's Council on Health for Maui County. I am the president of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP) and vice-chair of The Board of Examiners in Naturopathy. I have been in practice the past 30 years, the last 24 in Hawaii. I am offering my testimony solely as an independent naturopathic physician and citizen in **SUPPORT of SB 420, SD2, with supportive amendments.**

Since 1927 naturopathic medicine has served the people of Hawaii. The profession has grown with distinction while offering safe, beneficial, professional health care. Hawaii faces not simply a medical crisis with a shortage of primary care physicians but a health crisis in terms of our keiki, kapuna and aging population. As Hawaii has grown, so must naturopathic medicine grow in order to continue to offer quality health care and to meet the growing health care needs of Hawaii. This bill represents a modernization of naturopathic practice that more closely reflects the actual training naturopathic doctors receive in naturopathic medical schools. Issues of safety and competence have been addressed and I am confident that concern for public safety and medical necessity and competence have been addressed and remain our highest priority.

My position on the medical staff of Maui Memorial Medical Center and on the Mayor's Council on Health is as much a reflection of my naturopathic training and experience as my longevity in Hawaii and working in the community. While I have practiced longer than many of my colleagues, I reflect their expertise, their training, their competence and professionalism. For that reason, as I have been trusted with responsibilities in line with my MD colleagues; I ask, in turn, for your support in recognition of the need for modernizing naturopathic medicine in Hawaii and in support of the recognition of the competence, abilities and professionalism of naturopathic physicians in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

David Kern, N.D.,L.Ac.
HSNP President

Sharon Sagayadoro

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 11:59 AM
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Sharon Sagayadoro

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March 29, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

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Please support this long-overdue bill.

Thank you,
Alex Steelsmith

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: kay zane [kazuzane@yahoo.com]
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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

Kay Zane

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: ktateyama@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 10:16 AM
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Sincerely,
Kellie Tateyama

Sharon Sagayadoro

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 10:06 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very strongly urge your support for S.B. #420, S.D.2, H.D.1, relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

Very Gratefully,

Claire Cheeley

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Yasuyuki Ishizuka [yishizuka@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 9:59 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: RE: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Name: Yasuyuki Ishizuka
Address: 1314 Victoria st. #1802, Honolulu, HI 96814

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From: Roko Ishizuka [Roko@hawaii.rr.com]
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From: Pam Chambers [SpeakOut@pamchambers.com]
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To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420 RE: Naturopathic Medicine

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to ask for your support in passing S.B. #420, S.D.2, H.D.1 which would increase the scope of naturopathic medicine.

I have been a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for many years, and know her to have the highest standards and ethics.

Hawaii's current license laws have not been modernized to coincide with those in other states on the mainland, and thus, qualified practitioners are not attracted our State.

Please consider doing what is needed to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Pam Chambers
Honolulu, HI

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Susan M. Cohen, Psy.D. [scohen@hawaii.rr.com]
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From: Susan M. Cohen, Psy.D.

577 Pamaele St. Kailua, HI 96734
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Sincerely,
Susan M. Cohen, Psy.D.

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From: M. Bailey [moonabeama@yahoo.com]
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Mona Bailey
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March 28, 2009

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Mona Bailey

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Janice Naga [janicenaga@hotmail.com]
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Sincerely,

Janice Nagamine
lifelong resident of Hawaii
patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: WalkerStarfish@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 7:37 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Suzanne Walker
3008 Libert St.
Honolulu, HI. 96816

March 29, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
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Suzanne Walker

Feeling the pinch at the grocery store? [Make meals for under \\$10.](#)

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Teena Michael [teena@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 6:57 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: preventive medicine

Teena Michael PhD
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Honolulu Hawaii 96816

March 29, 2009

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Sincerely,

Teena Michael

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Rebecca Doescher [bexter1966@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:45 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1

Rebecca Doescher
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Honolulu, HI 96816

March 28, 2009

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Sincerely, Rebecca Doescher

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Janice Taketa [janicehtaketa@mac.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:42 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

March 28, 2009

Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I have been a Hawaii resident for more than 30 years and have used naturopathic practitioner's services for at least 20 years. They have significantly helped me with my health issues. They look at the whole person not just one part and consequently have been much more effective in treating my endocrinology problems.

Please support the passage of S.B.No. 420, S.D2 HD 1 relating to Naturopathic medicine.

Sincerely,

Janice Hanley Taketa
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Honolulu, Hi. 96816

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: jtully [jtully001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:35 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Janine Tully
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Kaneohe, HI 96744
March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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- More and more people are seeking alternative medicine and naturopathic physicians are meeting that need. I also would like to point out that the University of Hawaii already has an alternative medicine department, which embraces a holistic approach to health care.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Yvonne Everhart [yeverhart@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:35 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Yvonne Everhart
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Kaunakakai, Hi 96748

March 28, 2009

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Sincerely,
Yvonne Everhart

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Sharon Price [shaprice@lava.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:25 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Sharon Price

2683 Aaliamanu Place Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

March 28, 2009

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Sincerely,

Sharon Price
(Owner/Buyer)

Shasa Emporium

Corporate Office
2683 Aaliamanu Place

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Deanna Aspengren [taichideanna@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:09 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support

**With the baby boomers becoming the next big elderly group,
it's time to include Naturopathic / Alternative medicine into the mix of health options.
Balance is needed in all areas of life...Standard Western Medicine needs the Balance of
Naturopathic/Alternative.
I feel this is the wave of the next generations to come.**

**Thank You,
Deanna M. Aspengren
774 Kalanipuu St.
Honolulu HI 96825
(Age 56 which is the new 46 with
alternative/naturopathic options!)**

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: LAURIE ADAMSHICK [lmaad@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:11 PM
To: CPCtestimony
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Sincerely,

Laurie T.S. Adamshick
1015 Kalapaki Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: peggyreg@gmail.com on behalf of Peggy Regentine [peggy@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 1:43 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Peggy Regentine
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Honolulu, HI 96822

March 28, 2009

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Peggy Regentine

Darrow M. Hand, N.D.
1413 Ward Avenue – B
Honolulu, HI 96822
March 28, 2009

RE: Support of S.B. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii
(Hearing scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m.)

To: Honorable Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair
Honorable Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
and other Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection &
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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 support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 H.D.1, as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

Given that naturopathic physicians are highly trained in preventive medicine, we are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawai'i while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs.

SB 420 SD 2 HD1 would update the definition and scope of practice of naturopathic medicine to be comparable to that found in other states such as Washington and Oregon. Naturopathic physicians receive extensive training at naturopathic medical schools. This legislation would allow us to practice medicine as we are trained, and enable us to more effectively serve the people of Hawai'i. Naturopathic physicians are a valuable part of our healthcare system. It is time to modernize the naturopathic law in Hawai'i, which has not been revised for many years.

Naturopathic physicians provide a valuable service to public health and safety. Giving the Naturopathic Board the authority to determine the naturopathic formulary will provide necessary safeguards for the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify to this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Darrow Hand, N.D.

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Judith Olson [mfjko2@mac.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 1:26 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

FROM: Judith Olson, Mathematics Researcher, University of Hawaii
411 Hobron Lane, Apt 3502
Honolulu, HI, 96815

DATE: March 28, 2009

TO: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

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Sincerely,

Judith Olson

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Natural Choices for Women [info@naturalchoicesforwomen.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 1:00 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support for S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1

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Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I am a licensed naturopathic doctor and have been practicing in Hawaii for 15 years. I am also the author of the best-selling book *Natural Choices for Women's Health* and I have written a monthly Prescriptions column for the *Honolulu Advertiser* for 8 years. I am also a member of the Organization of Women's Leaders here in Hawaii, as well as a member of the Hawaii Acupuncture Association, and the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians. I strongly encourage you to support bill S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I also have a license to practice naturopathic medicine in WA State where I have extensive formulary rights as well the ability to practice medicine according to my training. In Hawaii I have a very successful practice however, I am limited in how I can serve my patients because of our limited and outdated naturopathic law.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Laurie Steelsmith N.D., L.Ac.

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Adriann Gin [agin808@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 1:07 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Adriann Gin
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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at
2:15 p.m., Room 325**

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To: House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee, Chair Robert Herkes, Vice Chair Glen Wakai

Re: SB420, HD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; hearing on Monday March 30, 2009, 1415 conference room 325.

My name is Nan Holmes, I **support passage of SB420, HD1**. My background is a Masters in Public Health from the Univ. of Hawaii where I also served for many years as the Assistant Director for Continuing Education. In this role I worked closely in the community in preventative health and ran the statewide wellness celebration. Through all of this I learned that healthcare needs to be offered as a choice of modalities.

My experience with naturopathic medicine has been effective as an adjunct to allopathic medicine. In my experience, both are necessary in meeting the publics demand and the current health care crisis.

Aloha,

Nan Holmes, MPH

Re: SB420, HD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; CPC hearing on Monday, 3/30/09; 2:15 PM, conference room 325.

To: Representative Robert Herkes, Chair
Representative Glen Wakai, Vice Chair
Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

From: Thi Ngoc "Jade" Tran M.D.

Date: March 28, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420, HD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

My name is T.N. Jade Tran, M.D., working for the State Department of Health. I am writing in **SUPPORT OF SB420 HD1**, not as a representative of the Department of Health, but as a private practitioner. I was medically trained both here and in Germany where naturopathic medicine is commonplace and well regarded for its effectiveness. I am very familiar with the breadth of education and training a naturopathic physician receives and I believe they are much needed to help fill our primary care doctor shortage and well qualified to safely administer vitamins, minerals, amino acids and fatty acids by routes of intravenous and intramuscular injection.

Passage of this legislation will help our shortage of primary care doctors here in Hawaii and allow patients to receive the high quality care naturopathic medicine has to offer.

Sincerely,

Jade Tran, M.D.

March 28, 2009

RE: SB420 HD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, for a scheduled hearing Monday March 30, 2009 at 1415, conference room 325.

Honorable Chair Robert Herkes, Vice Chair Glenn Wakai and members of the committee.

I am Tom Leland M.D. testifying in support of SB420 HD1, Relating to Naturopathy. I have been a practicing physician for the State of Hawaii Department of Health for 35 years and have been an active licensed physician for 55 years. I am also on the faculty at the University of Hawaii Medical School. I am writing as a member of the public who has received excellent care by a local naturopathic doctor and believe they serve the role as a primary care doctor very well.

I understand their current scope of practice is hampered by their current law and this bill SB420, HD1 would allow them to practice as they are trained. We the people of the state of Hawaii need their full care. Please support their good work by passing this important legislation.

Thank you,

Tom Leland M.D.

Re: SB420, HD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; CPC hearing on Monday, 3/30/09; 2:15 PM, conference room 325.

To: Representative Robert Herkes, Chair
Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Health Committee

From: Shephard Ginandes M.D.
Sheila Ginandes Ph.D.

Date: March 27, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420, HD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

We are writing in **SUPPORT OF SB420 HD1**, as private health care practitioners who both receive naturopathic medical care and refer patients to naturopathic physicians. We are 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.

Sincerely,

Shepard Ginandes, M.D.

Sheila Ginandes, Ph.D.

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Linda Ferrara [lferrara@honoluluacademy.org]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 12:57 PM
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Sincerely,

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Sharon Sagayadoro

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March 29, 2009

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From: Janet and Ralph Miller [miller@hi808.net]
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Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009
RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Sincerely,
Liz Rizzo-Dubois

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March 28, 2009

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

Kristina & Daren Krich

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From: Marietta Saravia-Shore [saraviashore@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 11:22 AM
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To whom it may concern,

I strongly support the bill SB420, SD2, HD1 re Naturopathic Medicine and urge you to sign it. We need doctors to be able to practice naturopathic medicine and people to be able to benefit from it.

Thank you.

Marietta Saravia-Shore, Ph.D.

Sharon Sagayadoro

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Salud

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From: Liz Palmer [palmere002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 11:51 AM
To: CPCtestimony

E. Palmer
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E. Palmer

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From: Miles Greenberg [littlelongon@yahoo.com]
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Subject: SB 420 SD 2 HD 1

Sergeant-at-Arms: Please make 20 copies of the following testimony and deliver to House conference room #325 for CPC Committee meeting commencing at 2:15 pm. Mahalo!

Miles Greenberg, ND
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN
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March 30, 2009

Hawaii State House of Representatives
The Twenty Fifth Legislature
Regular Session 2009

RE: SB 420 SD2 HD1

Honorable Committee Chair Robert N. Herkes, Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, and other Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee members:

I am a full time practicing naturopathic physician (ND) for nearly 20 years in Kauai. I have been past president of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians and a twelve plus year volunteer with DCCA's Regulated Industries Complaint Office. I am providing testimony in **support** of SB 420 SD 2.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has ranked the United States of America **37th** for the medical care the it provides to its citizens. As the richest country in the world this ranking is abominable. What steps are being taken to heal this health crisis? *Not much*. Costs continue to sky rocket and access to low tech, first line intervention is unavailable to the public.

Naturopathic physicians are trained as primary care providers and utilize many low tech, low cost interventions that work and with *safety comparable to none*. Yet the State of Hawaii has limited the scope of practice more than any other state that licenses ND's. It's time to update and modernize the statute in congruence with our training and with the other states in the union. The last time this statute was revised was more than 20 years ago and Hawaii's residents suffer for it.

Furthermore, it is essential that this committee reinstate the naturopathic formulary that had been previously

removed by the House Health Committee. The Department of Public Safety's recommendation to remove the language related to the formulary was erroneously determined since they did not consult with the naturopathic board nor state society. It's apparent that they consulted with the Hawaii Medical Association whose testimony was glaringly misinformed. This would clearly render their determinations unilateral and therefore unfit.

This bill would give the Board of Naturopathic Medicine authority to determine the naturopathic formulary. This would provide the necessary safeguards that would be required to regulate the dispensing of legend items by naturopaths, in accordance with their training. Additionally, parenteral administration is also an integral to naturopathic care and our history of use has been without incident. Other provisions that grant temporary licensure to out-of-state ND's in the event of an emergency/catastrophe are just plain practical.

We ask our legislative body to bear in mind that the purpose of regulation is to protect the public interests not professional self-interests. Please support **SB420**.

Sincerely,

Miles Greenberg, ND

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Valerie Wayne [vwayne@hawaii.edu]
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Professor Valerie Wayne

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Valerie Wayne, Ph.D.
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From: Kimberly [Kim-chee@hawaii.rr.com]
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Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Locksley

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: sheree latif [sheree.latif@hawaiiintel.net]
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To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Re: Naturopath Bill

3-28-2009

Re: Support of HB No. 420

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband and I have been practicing Pharmacy in the State of Hawaii for over 21 years. We have not only professional contact with Naturopathic physicians but also see them as our personal Physicians. Their scope of practice is much more limited in the State of Hawaii as compared to most other States. Their training is similar to Allopathic Physicians and due to our isolated location and ethnic mix many people prefer to see Naturopaths in Hawaii. Due to the rural nature of our Island and the health based natural lifestyle of much of the population the ability to see a Naturopath with expanded scope of practice allows people to make personal choices in reference to their health care provider. We support expanded scope for these practitioners and are glad you are considering this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Sheree Latif R.Ph
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March 29, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

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March 28, 2009

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Sincerely,
Stefanie Koreyasu

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: surf14.excite [surf14@excite.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 7:40 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

I am writing to support the enhancement of naturopathic medicine in Hawaii in the hopes that naturopathic care can be expanded and enhanced insurance coverage of this care be expanded. Thanks Anne Labrador

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: jenet busch [jenetm1@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 8:28 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: testing

my name is jenet busch and I had been very sick with an autoimmune illness. in the year of 1998...I had seen many medical doctors but it was miles greenberg ,who is a naturopathic Dr. practicing on kauai,diagnosed and cured the illness. There have been many times since 1998 that Miles has treated and cured different illnesses for me...colds,flu,cytomegalo,eating disorder,spider bites,etc...I'm a firm believer of naturopathic medicine. Please reinsert the formulary SB420. Thank you so much

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Robin Rohr [robinrohr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 11:53 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: a message for the support of bill SB 420

Robin Rohr
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March 28, 2009

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Sincerely,

Robin Rohr 732-2277

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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 1:24 PM
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Subject: Support

Corinne O. Mills

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March 28, 2009

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Sincerely,
Corinne O.Mills

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: herring.jennifer@gmail.com on behalf of Jennifer Herring [herring@hawaii.edu]
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To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

From: Jennifer Herring, Ed.D.

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March 28, 2009

Via E-mail

Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
State of Hawaii House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009 □

SUBJECT: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1,
Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, Committee
on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing—
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ATTENTION: Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair,
Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and
Other Distinguished Members of the House
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

Aloha,

As Hawaii voters and residents of 50+ years, we are writing to strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to Naturopathic Medicine. We have been patients of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care over the past ten years, and with her expert guidance and treatment, my family and I have significantly improved our overall health. More specifically and on a personal level, Dr. Steelsmith successfully treated a serious health condition, which had not been successfully addressed by other medical sources, and could have escalated to a very debilitating condition.

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In keeping with the objectives of President Obama's administration to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is vital that the State improves rules for the scope and insurance coverage of naturopathic services to allow naturopathic doctors in Hawaii greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training.

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We urge you to give every consideration to the expeditious passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2, H.D. 1. □□

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Jo Archibald
Patient of Naturopathic Medicine

Sharon Sagayadoro

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Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB420

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March 29, 2009

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
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For a hearing scheduled Monday, March 30, 2009 2:15 pm

To: The House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
CPC Rep. Robert N. Herkes, Chair Rep. Glenn Wakai

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Re: Testimony on SB 420, SD2, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

My name is Dr. Nathan Ehrlich, N.D. I am a naturopathic physician with a practice in upcountry Maui since 1989. I received my pre-medical bachelor of science degree in psychobiology from Albright College in 1984 and received my Naturopathic Doctorate from National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, OR in 1988. I have been a member of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians since 1989 for which I have also served as an officer in several capacities over the years. I also have been a member of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians since 1989 as well.

I ask for your support of SB420, SD2, HD1 for the following reasons: The field of naturopathic medicine, along with medicine and healthcare in general, is evolving rapidly. The wisdom of traditional medicine is being coupled with the advancement of research and technology and we, as naturopathic physicians, as the foremost authorities on natural medicine, have the responsibility of being in step with this process. It is time for the law governing naturopathic medicine in Hawaii to be modernized to permit N.D.'s to practice as educated in the curricula of accredited naturopathic medical schools.

One aspect of naturopathic practice which is directly impacted by this bill is the ability for N.D.'s to perform parenteral therapy (administration of medicine via injection). Natural medicines administered by injection are an important part of naturopathic practice and are not a service customarily supplied by conventional health care providers. There is a history of safe administration of injection therapy for naturopathic physicians in the state of Hawaii, and we are, as naturopathic physicians, the most trained practitioners in nutrition and, as such, are the providers most able to

perform this therapy. There is currently a healthcare crisis on a national level which can be aided by the full integration of naturopathic physicians into a complementary model of healthcare which allows for overlap among healthcare professions. As certain procedures within a profession are also administered by trained and qualified practitioners from other professions, the public is more effectively served.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. Please support its passage.

Nathan Ehrlich, N.D.

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: M S [worldtoogive@yahoo.com]
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Subject: testimony please print

To the Sargeant-at-arms. Please print and make 20 copies. Please deliver them to House Conference Room 325 at or before 2:15pm 3/30/09. Mahalo for your support.

March 30, 2009

Dr. Melissa Shaw, DVM
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Hawaii State House of Representatives

The Twenty Fifth Legislature

Regular Session 2009

RE: SB 420 SD2 HD1

Honorable Committee Chair, Robert N. Herkes, Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, and other Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee members:

I am a full time practicing veterinary physician (DVM) for nearly 15 years on Kauai. I have been involved with regulatory branches of veterinary organizations. I have also served on the boards of several of those organizations. I am providing testimony in support of SB 420 SD 2.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has ranked the United States of America 37th for the medical care the it provides to its citizens. As the richest country in the world this ranking is abominable. What steps are being taken to heal this health crisis? Not many apparently. Costs continue to sky rocket and access to low tech, first line intervention is grossly unavailable to the public.

Naturopathic physicians are trained as primary care providers and utilize many low tech, low cost interventions that work and with safety records comparable to none. Yet the State of Hawaii has limited the scope of practice more than any other state that licenses ND's. Oregon and California are two examples of states that benefit from the high standard and broad scope of practice of the ND's. It's time for Hawaii to update and modernize the statute in congruence with the ND's training and with the other states in the union, in order to give the people of Hawaii access to this first-line, highly effective care. The last time this statute was revised was more than 20 years ago and Hawaii's residents suffer for it.

Furthermore, it is essential that this committee reinstate the naturopathic formulary that had been previously removed by the House Health Committee. The Department of Public Safety's recommendation to remove the

language related to the formulary was determined based on inadequate and very likely biased information since they did not consult with the state's naturopathic board nor the state's society. This would clearly render their determinations unilateral and therefore unfit.

This bill would give the Board of Naturopathic Medicine authority to determine the naturopathic formulary. This would provide the necessary safeguards that would be required to regulate the dispensing of legend items by naturopaths, in accordance with their training.. Other provisions that grant temporary licensure to out-of-state ND's in the event of an emergency/catastrophe are essential as we face a future that is uncertain and surely riddled with such events.

We ask our legislative body to bear in mind that the purpose of regulation is to protect the public interests not professional self-interests. The people of Hawaii deserve and need this broadened scope of practice. It seems appropriate therefore that the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee would extend itself here in the name of the best interest of the consumers in our state and support SB420. Please, on our behalf, support SB420.

Sincerely,
Melissa Shaw DVM

HAWAII SOCIETY OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

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Dr. Kevin Gibson
Legislative Committee Member

**TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE**

The Honorable Robert N. Herkes, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

SB 420, SD2, HD1: Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

For a hearing scheduled Monday March 30, 2009 at 2:15 PM, Conference Room 325.

March 28, 2009

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. Kevin Gibson, licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist, and registered environmental specialist. I serve on the Naturopathic Board of Examiners, but I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians (HSNP) who write in **SUPPORT of SB 420, SD2 HD1, with the amendments** recommended below.

This testimony is offered in *three parts to facilitate your review*. The first (**I.**) presents some history and the need for this legislation. The second (**II.**) contains the **amendments recommended** by the HSNP which is in response to the House Health Committee's hearing report and correspondence with the state Department of Public Safety. The third (**III.**) area of discussion is in response to late testimony submitted by the Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) for the House Health Committee hearing which we suspect will come up again in the testimony you receive for this hearing.

I. The need for this legislation is presented as follows:

This legislation would allow naturopathic physicians to practice medicine as they are trained to as primary care providers.

As with any health care profession, naturopathic medicine is an evolving field. To provide our patients with the best care possible we wish to bring our practice law up to date. The last modification to naturopathic practice law was over twenty years ago and naturopathic medicine has evolved significantly over that time.

Our state and nation are in a health care crisis and part of that crisis is the lack of qualified primary care doctors. Naturopathic physicians can be part of the solution to this crisis, but to be most effective we must not have antiquated constraints on our scope of practice.

Our current law is unclear about some areas such as the parenteral administration of vitamins, minerals and amino acids; our prescriptive authority and minor office procedures (i.e., minor surgery). These practice areas are taught in the curriculum of naturopathic schools, and are included in the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians in the majority of states in which they are licensed, including the other Western states of California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Arizona.

Parenteral administration of vitamins, mineral, and amino acids are an important part of naturopathic practice and are not a service customarily supplied by conventional health care providers.

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.

History:

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., injection routes) for approximately twenty years. The current naturopathic governing statute, HRS 455 states 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 have chosen in the past to safely utilize these effective methods.

The Hawaii Board of Naturopathic Examiners 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 Board or the HSNP. 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 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.

In addition to clarifying the use of parenteral therapies, this bill would give the Board of Naturopathic Medicine the authority to determine the naturopathic formulary. This would help to safeguard against the misuse of any “new” natural substance and protect public health. The Board has the expertise to determine this formulary.

II. HSNP’s recommended amendments and supportive reasoning for these amendments to SB420, SD2, HD1 are presented here.

A great deal of supportive testimony was received at the House Health Committee hearing on March 17, 2009 from the general public and naturopathic and allopathic medical communities.

The state Department of Public Safety submitted testimony opposing the bill. In their testimony they state that "the Department agrees with the Hawaii Medical Association that Naturopathic Physicians do not have adequate training or experience with the administering, prescribing or dispensing of pharmaceutical controlled substances." As discussed in section III of this testimony, it is clear that the Hawaii Medical Association does not understand the education, training and scope of practice of a licensed naturopathic physician. It is unclear as to why the Department of Public Safety chose to reference the HMA in their evaluation of a naturopathic physician's education and training instead of the HSNP or the Naturopathic Board of Examiners (Board).

The Board forwarded documentation of the education and training for controlled substances from four different accredited naturopathic medical schools, on March 19, 2009 by email to Keith Kamita, Administrator, Department of Public Safety (who testified at the House Health Committee hearing on March 17, 2009). In that email, the Board requested he communicate with the HSNP directly because SB420 is not an administration bill. The HSNP felt it was critical for the Department of Public Safety to have the opportunity to fully understand a naturopathic physician's education and training and offer any further testimony based on factual information. The HSNP attempted to contact Mr. Kamita by phone on March 24 and 26, and by email on March 24, 2009. Mr. Kamita was reached by phone on March 27, 2009, but only had time for a brief discussion. In that discussion, it seemed that Mr. Kamita had not had the opportunity to review the email received from the Board or the HSNP's testimony regarding the education and training a naturopathic physician receives. Mr. Kamita was asked to phone back at his convenience to continue the discussion but was not heard from. The HSNP believes the Department of Public Safety has not taken the time to fully understand this matter and requests their past testimony which resulted in the House Health Committee's amendment to remove federal controlled substance registration be reconsidered.

The HSNP recommends the following amendments:

SECTION 1. Chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding three new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§455- **Controlled substances; authorization.** A naturopathic physician may obtain a current State Controlled Substance registration and a current Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration.

Naturopathic doctors diagnose and treat disease as primary care physicians. Our ability to do so will not change from its current standing, but will only be enhanced as the Board establishes an updated formulary which reflects modern naturopathic standards of treatment and care. The need to prescribe and dispense controlled substances would be limited by the Board to include only those substances within the scope of training a naturopathic physician has received. The HSNP offers the following examples of guidelines which would be set forth for the dispensing of any specific controlled

substance adopted by the Board: Testosterone – deficiencies documented through laboratory testing; Codeine – relief of moderately severe pain. Antitussive to relieve chemical or mechanical respiratory tract irritation. In combination with aspirin or acetaminophen to enhance analgesia.

III. HSNP's response to the Hawaii Medical Association's (HMA) late SB420 SD2 testimony submitted to the House Health Committee on March 17th is presented here. As physicians, we take a well-known oath known as the Hippocratic Oath. Above all else this oath states “first do no harm.” Harm can mean harm to an individual patient; it can mean harm to a community. For over 60 years there has been an evolving relationship between naturopathic physicians and medical doctors. In recent time naturopathic physicians and medical doctors frequently collaborate on behalf of patients with patient referrals going both ways. Naturopathic physicians and medical doctors participate together on various health commissions and community outreach programs. Naturopathic physicians have been admitted to hospital medical staffs in Hawaii and have been appointed to state and county health task force councils.

Yet with this growing cooperation in health care on behalf of the people of Hawaii, the HMA continues to live in the past and resists acknowledging the value of these accomplishments. The testimony of the HMA submitted on SB420 demonstrates a profound misunderstanding of modern day naturopathic medical practice. In doing so, they not only misrepresent the truth about naturopathic medicine and naturopathic physicians but they persist in characterizations that are more a reflection of political resistance and rhetoric than sound evaluation and review.

Unlike nurses, nurse practitioners and physician's assistants, naturopathic physicians practice *independently* of medical doctors. It is no more appropriate to require direct physician supervision of naturopathic physicians performing injections than it would be to require direct naturopathic physicians supervision of medical doctors performing a physical exam or giving nutritional advice. Furthermore, naturopathic medical students receive training in parenteral therapy administration, and *conventional medical students do not*.

HMA's statement that “There are no existing quality standards for the preparation of the materials that would be allowed for naturopathy injection and there is no evidence of any benefits,” is patently false. The substances that are used by naturopathic physicians for parenteral therapy are FDA-approved vitamins, minerals, and amino acids in injectable forms that are prepared by FDA-approved manufacturers according to strict standards of quality and strength, and also administered under sterile conditions. If no evidence of any benefit existed, then these substances would not be FDA-approved.

The purpose of regulation - public protection – should have top priority in scope of practice decisions, rather than professional self-interest. This encompasses the belief that the public should have access to providers who practice safely and competently.

Changes in scope of practice are inherent in our healthcare system. Health care and its delivery are necessarily evolving. Health care practice acts also need to evolve as health care demand and capabilities change.

Overlap among professions is necessary. No one profession actually owns a skill or activity in and of itself. One activity does not define a profession, but it is the entire scope of activities within the practice that make any particular profession unique. Simply because a skill or activity

is within one profession's skill set does not mean another profession cannot and should not include it in its own scope of practice.

Practice acts should require licensees to demonstrate that they have the requisite training and competence to provide a service.

Graduation from an approved school and a passing score on the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination (NPLEX) demonstrates that a naturopathic physician licensed in Hawaii has achieved competency to practice as taught in naturopathic medical school.

The term "traditional naturopath" is a myth. A "traditional naturopath" is the self-chosen title of someone who is self-educated or has done coursework at home using a mail-order school. The term "traditional naturopath" is a term that was first used within the last ten years and is simply a euphemism for people who have taken courses from a correspondence school and choose to call themselves naturopaths. Although the "traditional naturopaths" claim that NDs who have graduated from naturopathic medical schools accredited by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME – the **only** accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education to accredit schools and programs of naturopathic medicine) do not practice "real" naturopathy, this claim can be easily debunked by examining the history of the profession in the US. The naturopathic profession in this country was founded by Dr. Benedict Lust over a hundred years ago. His first act was to establish a college to provide education for this new type of practitioner. Its educational standards were typical for the medical colleges of the time. The naturopathic licensing laws for from that era, for example, in Florida and Utah, included the broadest scope of practice possible, because the profession was clearly seen as medical. The profession was conceived and still exists as a medical practice. States have developed laws over the years to make the naturopathic scope of practice reflective of modern educational standards and public needs. Naturopathic Physicians are trained to diagnose and treat disease - the so-called "traditional naturopaths" are not - and this is completely consistent with the profession's history and development.

There is not a single "traditional naturopath" in the state of Hawaii, as the use of the title naturopath, naturopathic physician, or any term that implies such is legally restricted to those who have hold a license to practice naturopathic medicine in Hawaii.

In conclusion, the HSNP sees the uninformed stance that the HMA has adopted as an attempt to create a conflict with no winners, only losers, which include the people of the state of Hawaii who need the services of naturopathic physicians who can practice to the full extent of their training and thereby help to alleviate the serious shortage of primary care providers. The testimony of MDs in support of SB420, SD2 is evidence that the HMA does not represent the interests of medical doctors in Hawaii, and certainly not the interest of those who wish to have access to naturopathic medicine.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

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Sincerely,

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

Date: March 30, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420 HD1, Relating to Naturopathy

I am writing in **SUPPORT OF SB420, HD1**. 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. SB420, HD1 is necessary to allow naturopaths to do just that and help many patients who otherwise could not be helped with conventional medical care.

I respectfully ask for your support of this important health care legislation.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

Ann Koizumi

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Jones Skipper [jones_skipper@bah.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 4:53 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2., H.D.1. Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Skipper Jones
1451 Laamia Street
Honolulu HI 96821

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m.,
Room 325**

Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

Skipper Jones

Sharon Sagayadoro

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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 4:47 PM
To: CPCtestimony

Nina Alena Beatty

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March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

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As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is high time to give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors a greater scope of practice and enable them to more effectively serve the people of our state.

With the current state of the economy there is a shortage of good primary care physicians in Hawaii, many physicians are leaving the state, and it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. In order for our state to attract more top-quality naturopathic physicians, it is time to modernize Hawaii's naturopathic law, which has not been revised in more than 20 years. As general practitioners, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our health care system. They are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs. By allowing Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will greatly improve the quality of health care available in Hawaii.

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Alan Ewell [ewell@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 4:10 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

I am writing to strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, relating to naturopathic medicine.

There is a shortage of good primary care physicians in Hawaii, many physicians are leaving the state, and it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our health care system. They have extensive training in preventative medicine at naturopathic medical schools, and are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs.

In Hawaii, however, Naturopathic physicians cannot practice according to the full scope of their medical training, and under current regulations, they have minimal insurance coverage. Many other states, however, have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice and adequate insurance coverage. Now, it is time to modernize Hawaii's naturopathic law, which has not been revised in 20 years.

In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, The passage of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 will attract more top-quality naturopathic physicians, allow naturopathic physicians in Hawaii a greater scope of practice, enable them to more effectively serve the people of our state, and improve the quality of health care available in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2.

Sincerely,

Alan and Candace Ewell
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Trish Ellis [ahhawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 4:09 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

From: Patricia Ellis, 78-6731 Walua Road, Kailua Kona HI 96740

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I am seeing Dr. Michael Traub for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health during cancer treatment. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is high time to give Dr. Traub and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors a greater scope of practice and enable them to more effectively serve the people of our state.

With the current state of the economy there is a shortage of good primary care physicians in Hawaii, many physicians are leaving the state, and it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. In order for our state to attract more top-quality naturopathic physicians, it is time to modernize Hawaii's naturopathic law, which has not been revised in more than 20 years. As general practitioners, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our health care system. They are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs. By allowing Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will greatly improve the quality of health care available in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Dana Fujikake [aewjazz1@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 8:44 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is high time to give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors a greater scope of practice and enable them to more effectively serve the people of our state.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: E. Mitchell [aemlists@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 6:18 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009
RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

Dear Representative Robert N. Herkes, Chair, Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr. Jack Burke N. D. LaC (John L. Burke N. D. LaC) for naturopathic medical care for over 10 years. He is one of the best naturopathic physicians in Hawaii and has helped me many, many times.

Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is time to give Dr. Burke and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors a greater scope of practice and enable them to more effectively serve the people of our state.

With the current state of the economy there is a shortage of good primary care physicians in Hawaii, many physicians are leaving the state, and it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. In order for our state to attract more top-quality naturopathic physicians, it is time to modernize Hawaii's naturopathic law, which has not been revised in more than 20 years. As general practitioners, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our health care system. They are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs. By allowing Dr. Burke and other naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will greatly improve the quality of health care available in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,
A. E. Mitchell
Honolulu, Hawaii

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: judy kliban [kiwitabby@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 6:34 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1

Judith K. Kliban, Hawaii Resident
Star Route #97
Hana, Hawaii 96713

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at
2:15 p.m., Room 325**

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In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is high time to give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors a greater scope of practice and enable them to more effectively serve the people of our state.

With the current state of the economy there is a shortage of good primary care physicians in Hawaii, many physicians are leaving the state, and it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. In order for our state to attract more top-quality naturopathic physicians, it is time to modernize Hawaii's naturopathic law, which has not been revised in more than 20 years. As general practitioners, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our health care system. They are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs. By allowing Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 will greatly improve the quality of health care available in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,
Judith K. Kliban

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Andy [cottontop@hokua.org]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 5:52 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

TO: House of Representatives, Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
25th Legislature, Regular Session 2009

From: Andrea B. Yim
1288 Ala Moana Blvd. Apt 17G
Honolulu, HI 96814

Re: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re: Naturopathic Medicine

Date: 3/28/09

I am a long time Hawaii resident. I am a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and my care thru her and naturopathic medicine has resulted in a significant improvement in my health. Its a disgrace that licensed primary care physicians like Dr. Steelsmith (licensed naturopaths) who are fully trained to diagnose and treat disease are unable to practice to the full scope of their medical training. Other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii.

Naturopathic care that focuses on "prevention" of disease rather than treatment "after the fact" can result in lower health care costs.

Isn't this what our new administration in Washington is preaching?
Lower costs?

I think it will be a shame and reflect on Hawaii as "living in the past" if you do not pass S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2, H.D.1.

Please give consideration to the opinions and experience of your constituency. I look forward to the passing of the above bills.

Thank you,
Andrea B Yim

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Mary Morioka [mkimiem@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 5:50 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Mary Morioka, Retiree
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Honolulu, HI 96816

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely, Mary Morioka

Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Diana Hirsch [dhirsch@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 5:17 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1.

Sincerely,

Mahalo,

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: leebonstil@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 2:09 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1

Bonnie and Lee Stillman
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Honolulu, HI 96826

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Hearing Scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., Room 325

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Sharon Sagayadoro

From: Fox Ohana [foxk002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 12:50 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, HD1, Re Naturopathic Medicine

Karen Katayama Fox

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Honolulu, HI 96819-2640

March 28, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine
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Room 325**

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As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to very, **very** strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have been a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care when I sprained my ankle the day before having to perform as a professional ballet dancer. She treated me with massage and acupuncture, as well as Chinese herbs, and as a result I was able to make it through 2 weeks of rehearsals and performances. I am now at a stage in my life when I need an "internist" to work with me through osteoporosis and high cholesterol. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. They are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, and fully trained to diagnose and treat disease. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii. I need Laurie Steelsmith to be able to treat me before my osteoporosis gets worse.

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Sincerely,
Karen Fox

Sharon Sagayadoro

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To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Twenty-Fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, H.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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March 15, 2009

Dear Rep. Yamane and all the other distinguished members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

I am a fifty-year Hawaii resident and retired schoolteacher. I am writing to strongly urge your support for S.B. 420. I am sure you are aware of the many therapeutic, economic and social reasons to support this excellent and overdue initiative. Many other states have long seen the advantages of allowing naturopathic physicians a broader scope of practice, to the benefit of individual patients and to the quality of health care in general. Passing this bill would certainly put more trained diagnosticians and preventive medicine specialists at the service of Hawaii patients in this time of dire doctor shortage and soaring health care costs.

To add a more personal note to this request, may I briefly tell my own story. I suffer from chronic Lyme Disease and Psoriatic Arthritis, two painful and debilitating conditions which have needed years of costly medical attention. After years of steroid therapy, IV antibiotic treatments, physical therapy and many other interventions, I am currently under the care of a licensed naturopathic doctor and controlling my symptoms with a combination of naturopathic treatments and herbal supplements. Even though this care and these medications cannot be covered by my insurance, I am happy to be symptom-free and spared the unpleasant side-effects of my earlier drugs. However, the hard financial times we are going through threaten my ability to pay for the luxury of uninsured health care.

Please come to the aid of people like me who are on fixed incomes in these difficult times. Please support S.B.420 so that naturopathic medicine can take its rightful place in the range of choices available to patients, and so that it can be covered by our health insurance.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Aloha,
Maureen Schaeffer

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From: Catherine Fentress [lucidcat@earthlink.net]
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