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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 420 SD2  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO  
RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE  
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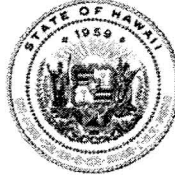
Committee on Health  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 17, 2009, 08:30 AM  
State Capitol, Room 329

Representatives Yamane and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Public Safety does not support Senate Bill 420 SD2 as it pertains to prescriptive authority for controlled substances. The Department agrees with the Hawaii Medical Association that Naturopathic Physicians do not have the adequate training or experience with the administering, prescribing or dispensing of pharmaceutical controlled substances. Senate Bill 420 SD2 would expand Hawaii's controlled substance laws in relation to out of state physicians having prescriptive authority for controlled substances. The Department therefore is requesting that the following sections pertaining to controlled substances be deleted. On page 1, lines 4 through 6, on page 5, lines 1 and 2 and on page 6 line 19 delete the phrase "and controlled substances."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2009

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009  
8:30 A.M.

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

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, 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, 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 takes no position on the bill, but offers the following comments.

Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.2 contains a number of amendments to the Naturopathy chapter. It authorizes naturopathic physicians to: 1) administer parenteral therapy, 2) obtain Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration

and prescribe controlled substances, and 3) administer intravenous, subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections.

Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.2 significantly expands the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians. The bill as drafted permits the Board to annually publish a Board-approved naturopathic formulary (page 12, lines 1-4) and prohibits licensees from prescribing medications not approved by the Board (page 16, line 6). The bill also includes a definition of "naturopathic formulary" (page 6, lines 17-20).

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, line 6 with the following:

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

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

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

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2009

Tuesday, March 17, 2009  
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 420, S.D. 2, RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC  
MEDICINE.**

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, 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, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

The purpose of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2 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 administer parenteral therapy (i.e., treatments by injection) and obtain Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration; 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, it supports the intent of S.B. No.

420, S.D. 2 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 3, lines 3-4, 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 7 – Powers and duties of the Board: On page 11, lines 9-16, clarify the standards and requirements that the Board is obligated to establish in order to provide protection for consumers as follows: “The rules may forbid acts or practices deemed by the board to be detrimental to the accomplishing accomplishment of the purpose of this chapter; shall establish standards of practice, care and ethics; shall require licensees to complete educational courses and training for parenteral therapy; shall establish requirements for parenteral therapy; shall establish a requirement for an examination on minor office procedures and; 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.

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Legislative Committee Member

**TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

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

**SB 420, SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine**

For a hearing scheduled Tuesday March 17, 2009 at 8:30 AM, Conference Room 329.

March 15, 2009

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto 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.**

This testimony is offered in *two parts to facilitate your review*. The first (**I.**) presents some history and the need for this legislation and the second (**II.**) is in response to previous testimony submitted by the Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) for the Senate Health Committee hearing heard last month, which may again be submitted by the HMA 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 response to the Hawaii Medical Association’s (HMA) late SB420 testimony** submitted to the Senate Health Committee last month 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, SD1 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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March 15, 2009

Re: SB420SD2 hearing by the House Health Committee on Tuesday, Marhc 17 at 8:30 a.m.

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to encourage support of SB420 that would modernize the law relating to naturopathic medicine in Hawaii and would empower the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary and would also clarify that naturopathic physicians can perform minor office procedures.

A 2004 government survey called attention to the fact that more than one-third of U.S. adults use complementary and alternative medicine. It is imperative that residents of Hawaii have access to naturopathic doctors who can practice to the extent of their training.

As the dean of the School of Naturopathic Medicine at Bastyr University, I am responsible for the delivery of the Naturopathic Medicine Program. As a medical doctor, I can attest as to the rigor and quality of training of naturopathic doctors. Naturopathic doctors who graduate from CNME (Council on Naturopathic Medical Education) accredited schools complete pre-med training before entering four years of graduate naturopathic medical programs. The schools are accredited by regional accrediting agencies. Regional accreditors as well as the CNME are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In order to practice and be held accountable to state licensing boards, naturopathic doctors are required to pass a national board exam. Naturopathic medical curriculum at Bastyr University provides for training of primary care physicians and includes training on:

- 1). Prescribing of all non-Scheduled legend drugs and Scheduled codeine and testosterone in Schedules III, IV, & V
- 2). Administering medications via intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intradermal routes. (Naturopathic physicians may inject any medication that is manufactured in an inj ectable form and is within the scope of practice)  
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- 3). Performing minor office procedures relating to lesions (including biopsies of superficial lesions ), excluding only excisions or incisions "beyond a minor office procedure"

Aloha,

Gannady Raskin MD, ND

**Bert A. Kobayashi**

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March 16, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health,  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009,  
at 8:30 a.m., Room 329**

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

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 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. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training and they have minimal insurance coverage. 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 Hawaii's naturopathic doctors greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii 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 20 years. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, 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 naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 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.

Sincerely,

Bert A. Kobayashi

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**From:** Alan Ewell [ewell@hawaii.rr.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. 420

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

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,

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The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

I have been a practicing ND in Hawaii for the last 20 years. I have treated thousands of Maui residents and their families during that time. I respectfully ask you to help the residents of our state access the best in preventative care that medicine has to offer.

Due to our limited scope of practice in this state we are not able to give true primary care to those in need. Many times we are required to refer out to other physicians when it could have been easily handled in one office visit. This increases costs and sometimes will compromise a patient's care if they do not follow through with the recommended referral.

In Oregon my license gives me full prescription privileges and the ability to use intravenous and intramuscular routes of administration. This is the case in most other states that hold ND licensure.

It seems that we are not allowing valuable and needed care givers their right to help our residents with as we are trained to do.

Sincerely,

DR Kevin Davison ND

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**From:** Brittni Peralto [brittnikimie@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** Fwd: testimony for NDs in Hawaii

The House Committee on Health  
Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

My name is Brittni Peralto and I am a current student at Touro University Nevada pursuing my master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies. I am in favor for Bill No. 420 relating to naturopathic medicine. As a future health care practitioner and current Hawaii resident, I urge that naturopathic medicine be entitled a wider scope of practice within the state of Hawaii. Hawaii's health care system must transform and evolve to include broader health care opportunities for patients. It should include not only western medicinal practices but also eastern medicinal practices because both are sound in their effectiveness regarding health prevention and treatment. The people of Hawaii are becoming increasingly aware of naturopathic medicine, including acupuncture, and embracing its methods. For example, my mother has been a loyal client of an acupuncturist in Maui and has been able to manage her menopausal symptoms purely on natural herbs alone. In addition, I acquired a lymph node enlargement a couple of years ago and after two appointments with western health practitioners, who were unable to conclude a diagnosis or treatment for my condition, a one-hour acupuncture session reduced the swelling of my enlarged lymph node. Thus, Hawaii's health care system must acknowledge this shift in health care and establish a broader health care system that not only includes naturopathic medicine but also allows naturopaths a broader scope of practice so that patients are allowed greater opportunities regarding their individual health care.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration,  
Brittni Peralto, master's student  
Wailuku, Hawaii

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**From:** buzzhollander@yahoo.com  
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**Subject:** support for bill on naturopathic medicine

The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

As a medical doctor practicing family medicine on the Big Island, I am well aware of the difficulty many of my patients have in finding, and seeing, a physician. As a physician very familiar with the principles of natural medicine, I find it frustrating that those of my patients interested in an approach different from that which we offer cannot receive the care of a naturopathic doctor, or can do so only outside their medical insurance. I believe it only makes sense to allow Naturopathic physicians the opportunity to practice in a manner consistent with their training. I support legislation which allows NDs to practice in a more complete scope, and to serve a larger population in doing so.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr Robert B Hollander III MD



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**From:** conrad lommen [cjlommen88@yahoo.com]  
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We support Senate Bill No. 420

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> Hello  
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> I was just confirming that this email is testimony for tomorrow's  
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> and whether you support or oppose it.  
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> Thank you  
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> Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:54 AM  
> To: HLTtestimony  
> Subject: naturopathic medicine  
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> My wife and I have found our naturopathic doctor to be extremely  
> helpful and cost effective in leading healthy lives here in Hawaii.  
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**Subject:** RE: Senate Bill 420

Dear Representative Nishimoto,

I'm submitting written testimony in support of Senate Bill 420. My personal belief is that our present health care system has experienced a dramatic increase in costs without any associated improvement in the quality of care provided. We need alternative and more affordable options. Allowing Naturopathic Doctors the opportunity to perform procedures as prescribed in SB 420 will go a long way in promoting that option.

Thank you for your time and, hopefully, your favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely Yours,

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**Subject:** support SB420 SD2 relating to Naturopathic medicine

My name is Huilin Dong. My address is 1675 Mahani Loop, Honolulu, HI 96819.

My son Landon is 8. Last year, his MD diagnosed him with food allergy, but believed that the problem would be best dealt with through Naturopathic medicine. So, Dr. Eugene Lee referred us to Dr. Burke, a ND. Since November 08, Landon has made huge improvements, not only in his health, but in his academic performances as well. However, the treatment has been costly. Every month, we spend about \$250 on his visit with Dr. Burke and his hearbal supplement provided by Dr. Burke. While it is totally worth it, I do not understand why this is not covered by insurance. We have a family plan through our small businesses and it costs us about \$1000 per month. Yet, for effective, safe therapy for my son, I have to spend money out of pocket. This therapy is deemed important by his pediatrician. This is not right.

Naturopathic medicine needs to be covered by insurance, as this is the only form of medicine many of us feel safe for our children and ourselves.

Please pass the bill!

Huilin Dong  
808 5285650

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**From:** diane kellett [deeannkellett@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 8:08 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** Dr. Laurie Steelsmith  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Diane Kellett/ELL Teacher for the DOE/Cancer Survivor

32 Kailua Rd, Kailua, HI 96734

March 16, 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329**

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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.

Sincerely,  
Diane Kellett

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**From:** ui ishi [elf80821@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:55 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

From: Ui Ishi  
132 Boyd Lane  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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Sincerely,



**Sarah Courageous**  
**98-801B Kaonohi St., Aiea, HI 96701**

March 15, 2009

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Regular Session of 2009  
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**From:** Claude Uehara [ueharaj005@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:36 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support SB420 SD2

As a believer in naturopathic medicine I firmly support SB420 SD2.  
Please pass this bill out and help get this bill signed into law.

Gail Uehara



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**From:** Colleen Haig [colleenhaig@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:02 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Medicine

Colleen Haig  
3639 Kawelolani Place Honolulu, HI 96816

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009

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**From:** steve dubey [dr.dubey@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:03 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB 420 , SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE- MODERNIZATION BILL

March 16th, 2009

SENATE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION HEARING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009 at 8:30 AM

TO:

Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
and committee members

Dear Representatives Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

I am Dr Steve Dubey, Hawaii licensed Naturopathic Physician and Acupuncturist, practicing 28 years, and an active member of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians.

I write to you today in favor of passage of SB 420. I am in full support of the testimony from our association, presented to you by our representative, Dr Kevin Gibson.

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, Naturopathic 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. I have enjoyed a close working relationship with MD and DO colleagues, in both giving and receiving referrals. Patient care is obviously enhanced by the complementary and multi-disciplinary care that is often seen in modern health care today, and as practiced in Lihue, Kauai.

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 had simply become outdated.

Our antiquated Statute , and the limited practice it allows, has turned away Hawaii born ND practitioners because Hawaii has 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, evidence based Natural Health Care.

I don't have to go into specifics of how Medical 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, embracing advances in diagnostics, nutritional biochemistry, botanical/nutriceutical therapies, and other areas of advancement.

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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Darrow M. Hand, N.D.  
1413 Ward Avenue – B  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
March 16, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth  
Legislature Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on  
Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329

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

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 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. This is in keeping with the Obama  
administration's aim to lower health care costs across the country.

SB 420 SD 2 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify to this matter.  
Sincerely yours,  
Darrow Hand

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**From:** Adriann Gin [agin808@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 3:34 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine      Committee on  
Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30am,      Room 329

Adriann Gin  
5238 Kuaiwi Place  
Honolulu, HI 96821  
March 16, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 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.

Sincerely,  
Adriann

March 17, 2009

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

Re: SB420, SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; hearing on Tuesday March 17, 2009, 0830 conference room 329.

My name is Nan Holmes, I **support passage of SB420, SD2**. 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

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**From:** Karen Oliveira [koliveir2005@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:10 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony

Karen Oliveira-Spofford

95-206 Kahele Place  
Mililani, HI 96789

March 15, 2009

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

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March 17, 2009

RE: SB420 SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, for a scheduled hearing Tuesday March 17, 2009 at 0830, conference room 329.

Honorable Chair Ryan Yamane, Vice Chair Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee.

I am Tom Leland M.D. testifying in support of SB420 SD2, 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, SD2 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, SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Health hearing on Tuesday, 3/17/09; 8:30 AM, conference room 329.

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

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

Date: March 17, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

We are writing in **SUPPORT OF SB420 SD2**, 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.

Re: SB420, SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Health hearing on Tuesday, 3/17/09; 8:30 AM, conference room 329.

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

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

Date: March 17, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420, SD2, 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 SD2**, 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.

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**From:** Lynn Fonseca [lynnfons@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:00 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

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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.

Sincerely,

Lynn H. Fonseca

March 15, 2009

Sasha Hedona  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School Publishers  
6172 Makaniolu Place  
Honolulu, HI 96821

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009

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Sasha Hedona.

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**From:** Steelsmith [steelsmith@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:14 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

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Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

**Re: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine**  
(Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329)

Dear Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Scott Nishimoto, and other members of the Committee on Health,

I am a Hawaii resident writing in support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 relating to naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic physicians receive rigorous and extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, but in Hawaii they cannot practice according to the full scope of their skills and training. In many other states, naturopathic physicians have a much broader scope of practice than they have in Hawaii. By allowing Hawaii's naturopathic doctors to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 will enable them to more effectively serve the people of our state and greatly improve the quality of health care in Hawaii.

Please support this long-overdue bill.

Thank you,  
Alex Steelsmith

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**From:** David Kern [docdavid1@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:25 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony: Senate Bill #420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

The House Committee on Health  
Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to write testimony in support of Senate Bill 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

My name is Dr. David Kern. I have been in private practice as a naturopathic physician for 24 years in Hawaii and on the Island of Maui.

I am the President of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians. I am also the vice chair of The Board of Naturopathic Examiners, but I am not speaking for the Board with this testimony. In 2001 I was admitted to the staff of Maui Memorial Medical Center, becoming the first naturopathic physician admitted to a state medical hospital staff. I am currently on Mayor Tavaris' Council on Health for the County of Maui.

I represent what is possible when medical doctors and naturopathic physicians work together on behalf of the health care of the people of Hawaii.

As a naturopathic physician I am trained as a primary care physician with skills and abilities not currently covered under naturopathic licensing law.

Modernizing our bill, which is long over due, provides for safe and practical expansion of naturopathic medicine consistent with our training.

Voting in favor of this modernization bill, supports the need for more competent primary care physicians to provide valuable health care and preventative medicine to our communities.

The growth and success of naturopathic medicine over the past eighty years in Hawaii is a testament of people's desire to have access to naturopathic physicians and to the full extent of their training and competence.

We have worked in association with RICCO to insure proper guidelines are established to insure public safety in the expansion of our practice and our formulary. We take seriously the issue of public safety as we take seriously the need to support Hawaii's health care needs.

I encourage you to support Senate Bill 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, for yourselves, your families and the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your time and your consideration.



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

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**From:** M S [worldtoogive@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Senate Bill No. 420

To The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Re. Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Please print and forward this e-mail testimony to:

Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Thank you!

03/15/09

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

I am writing as a Hawaii resident and as a concerned citizen. It is increasingly clear that we are in an economic recession and it is also rather alarming to see the state of our current healthcare system. Many physicians are leaving the state, especially from the outer islands, and replacements are minimal at best. Many of us residing on the outer islands must fly to Oahu to seek even basic medical care, which is a great expense and is obviously challenging for those who are injured or ill. Even this option is not adequate and there are an increasing number of patients who must fly to the US mainland for timely treatment by specialists.

It is my understanding that there are approximately one hundred licensed naturopathic physicians actively practicing in the state of Hawaii. These physicians have extremely limited insurance coverage and seemingly even more limited scope of practice. This is obviously counterproductive to increasing the quality, availability, and variety of healthcare in the state of Hawaii. Given their level of training and their much broader scopes of practice in more progressive states on the US mainland, it appears clearly that this body of *highly trained* professionals, is an extremely powerful resource that should be tapped into as one of the more effective tools already at our disposal for remedying the rapidly degenerating healthcare crisis in our state.

If your investigation needs evidence of the high level of training of these physicians or of their extremely broad scope of practice in other states, one may check [www.naturopathic.org](http://www.naturopathic.org). I also recommend you may want your research team to familiarize themselves with Naturopathic Medicine scope of practice laws of Oregon and California for example. While our naturopathic physicians in the state of Hawaii do have licensure (even as primary care physicians/GPs), their scope of practice is severely hampered by the antiquated laws governing their practice.

General practitioners are an invaluable resource who not only decrease the already overburdened caseload of

the boarded specialists, they also bring the humane element back into medicine by taking the time to consider the "whole" of the being. Preventive medicine and lifestyle changes can promote a healthier patient base and therefore a healthier Hawaii while simultaneously decreasing the financial burden of healthcare on Hawaii's government.

I implore you to **support** a modernization of the Naturopathic scope of practice (SB 420) for the benefit of all Hawaii's people, residents and visitors alike.

Humbly yours,

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Re: SB420, SD2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; hearing on 3/17/09;  
8:30 AM, conference room 329.

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

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

Date: March 17, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420 SD2, Relating to Naturopathy

I am writing in **SUPPORT OF SB420, SD2**. 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, SD2 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,

Richard Rovin MD, ND

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support SB 420 on Naturopathic Medicine

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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329**

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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 Hawaii's naturopathic doctors greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii 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 20 years. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, 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 naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 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.

Sincerely,

Catherine Dichner

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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To:  
The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009

Re: Support of S.B. No.420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17,2009, at 8:30 a.m., Rm. 329

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

I am a Hawaii resident. In 1997, after 32 years, I retired from the pharmaceutical industry. During those years and even now, advances in medical science is so rapid, it is difficult for even the most accomplished physician to keep abreast resulting in an increasing number of physicians foregoing primary care and specializing in one field of practice. However, the pendulum is now swinging the other way and primary care is almost itself becoming a specialty with it's own specialties, e.g. geriatrics.

Now the use of acupuncture is often used to complement conventional medicine. Also the use of a chiropractor is no longer unusual.

Naturopathic Medicine as I know it would be a significant complement to conventional medicine and is widely used and accepted in many other States. I hope you will all support the passage of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 . .

Thankyou for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mervin Ahana

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**From:** Janice Naga [janicenaga@hotmail.com]  
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Janice Nagamine  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 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.

Sincerely,

Janice Nagamine  
lifelong resident of Honolulu, Hawaii

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**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2

Laura Wittig  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329

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

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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.

Sincerely,

Laura Wittig

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**From:** anna good [annagood@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:01 PM  
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**Subject:** Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

The House Committee on Health, Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

My name is Anna Good and I am writing to ask you to support SB 420, relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

I have been an active user of naturopathic medicine services for a number of years. Naturopathic medical care helped me to effectively treat a number of my health concerns and taught me about disease prevention and health promotion. SB 420 will bring the standards of naturopathic medicine to those that currently exist in other states. It's time that people of Hawaii have full access to what this system of medicine has to offer.

Thank you for your support of Bill 420.

Aloha,  
Anna Good

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:12 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No.420, D.2

Maureen Schaeffer  
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March 15, 2009

Dear Rep. Yamane and all the other distinguished members of the House Committee on Health,

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.

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:** mluchida@aol.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.

Sincerely,  
Mary Louise Uchida

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**From:** IWILANI@aol.com  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB420

Wendy B. Crabb  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329**

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

I am writing in support of SB 420 SD1 and respectfully request your consideration of this bill. In the wake of our national healthcare environment it is of the utmost importance that citizens of Hawaii have the opportunity to seek preventative healthcare advisors such as Naturopathic physicians.

Naturopathy encourages individuals to be responsible for their own health and to take a proactive position in approach to healthcare. We are seeing prohibitive increases in standard health care and very well may see many diagnostic opportunities evaporate with the proposed national healthcare system, thus there will be an urgent need for well trained, licensed Naturopathic doctors.

Properly educated Naturopaths have extensive medical training received at naturopathic medical schools, however, in the state of Hawaii they are afforded only minimal insurance coverage and are not allowed to practice to their highest and best potential.

In supporting SB 420 SD1, you would be raising the bar for naturopathic medical treatment and bringing the State of Hawaii up to par with some of the most advanced states in our nation. It is Hawaii's time to recognize the sophisticated care that a naturopath offers to his/her patients in treating "the whole patient" as opposed to those who specialize in one area and offer a patient no more than a 20 minute office visit and a prescription. A good naturopath spends time with their patient, building a profile of patient needs and addressing those needs in a methodical approach, it is an approach that all medical schools should adopt. In addition, if a patient needs a medication they are given either a bioidentical medicine or a well thought out health plan to approach their condition. The passing of this bill would allow all patients to receive full service medical treatment.

Again, as a concerned citizen of Honolulu I ask that you both support and pass this bill, it can only offer, yet another option, for people from the Pacific Rim area to come to Hawaii for sophisticated medical treatment and it would allow the people of Hawaii to receive the consistent quality of healthcare that they deserve. We will follow the progression of this bill with keen interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy B. Crabb

March 15, 2009

To Chairman Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the House Committee on Health

Re: SB420, SD2, to be heard March 17, 2009, 8:30 a.m.

I am writing in support of SB420 regarding naturopathic practice. I am a psychiatrist, not a naturopath, who has worked in the State of Hawai'i since 1992 and in Kona since 1998. Over this time, the naturopaths in my community have become some of my most valued colleagues. I lean on them for information about the integration of alternative and Western approaches, and for help in understanding the many modalities of alternative and natural health care used by my patients. If high quality naturopaths were not available in our area, I am quite unsure whether I could continue the work that I do.

As you know, we have a shortage of many types of physicians on the Big Island. Naturopaths, due to this shortage as well as their integrative approach, are the primary care health providers for many people on the Big Island, and for many of my patients.

Please support naturopaths in the important work that they do in our state.

Sincerely,

R. Andrew Schultz-Ross, M.D.

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**From:** Allison Schaefer [allischaefers@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:49 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for SB 420

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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.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jay Ogden [ojay25@yahoo.com]  
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**Subject:** S.B. 420 Relating to Naturopath Medicine

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March 15, 2009

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

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Sincerely, Jay Ogden



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**From:** Wendy Shewalter [wendy@op-hawaii.com]  
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**Importance:** High

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March 15, 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.

Sincerely,

Wendy A. Shewalter

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**From:** hisa@juno.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:56 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Vernon Koizumi  
94-948 Hiapo St., Waipahu, Hawaii, 96797  
March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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**From:** fayk001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:59 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of SB 420 SD2 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Kathy Fay  
358G Kaelepulu Dr.  
Kailua, HI 96734  
Your Name (and position/title/organization if applicable)

Your Address

March 15, 2009

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As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result have significantly improved my health. Unfortunately because in Hawaii naturopathic physicians are not able to practice their full scope of medical skills and my insurance does not cover most services provided by Dr. Steelsmith I have the additional expense associated with seeing a traditional physician so that the appropriate lab and xray work can be performed and covered by my insurance.

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.

Furthermore, given that naturopathic physicians are most highly trained in preventive medicine, they are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawai'i while decreasing the long-term financial burden of healthcare costs.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Fay  
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Kailua, HI 96734

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**From:** dekoij@juno.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:01 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Ann Koizumi

94-948 Hiapo St., Waipahu, Hawaii, 96797

March 15, 2009

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Sincerely,

Ann Koizumi

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**From:** central.ijc@gmail.com on behalf of Dr. Ian Cholewa [drian@mauinaturopathic.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:10 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Ian Cholewa, ND. I am writing in support of Senate Bill No. 420, relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

I have been serving the community of south Maui since 2002. During that time I have found that being unable to practice to the full extent of my training and education significantly limits my ability as a physician to effectively serve the needs of my community. Passage of Bill 420 will allow me to make full use of my skills and thus better serve the health care needs of the people of south Maui. This is especially true in light of the increasing health crisis and shortage of quality trained primary care physicians.

I thank you in advance for your support of Bill 420 and thus helping me to be more effective in my work.

In Good Health,  
Dr. Ian Cholewa

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**From:** Laurie Freed [laurie@pivotdesign.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:20 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

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

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 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. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training and they have minimal insurance coverage. 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.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Freed

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**From:** Steve Burns [dreaminto@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009  
**To:** HLT Testimony

Steve Burns  
PO Box 323  
Hakalau, Hawaii 96710  
March 15, 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.)**

Dear Chairman Yamane, Vice-Chair Nishimoto and other Members of the House Health Committee:

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools, yet in Hawaii they have minimal insurance coverage and are unable to practice their full scope of medical skills. It is time to modernize the Hawaii State naturopathic law, which has not been revised in 20 years. Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 will give Dr. Traub (our personal naturopathic physician) as well as other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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.

Furthermore, given that naturopathic physicians are most highly trained in preventive medicine, they are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawai'i while decreasing the long-term financial burden of healthcare costs. If you would like information regarding the extensive training of naturopathic physicians, please cut and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.naturopathic.org/viewbulletin.php?id=29>

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of this bill.

Sincerely yours,  
Steve Burns

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**From:** Michael Traub [michaeltraub@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:15 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB420,SD2. House Committee on Health hearing Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m.

**From:** Paul Cooper [paulcooper@mail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:08 AM  
**To:** HLT Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420 SD2 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, March 17, 8:30am

I would like to respectfully submit my request that Hawaii allows the Naturopathic Profession to practice fully what they have been trained to do. I have been successfully treated with both Naturopathic and Allopathic practices for many years. I am best served with access to the full extent of the practices and training given each practitioner. Please allow this bill supporting Naturopathic Medicine to pass.

Many Patients have received treatment and medical results, from Naturopathy when no other treatments offered any relief, we need both practices to serve our communities needs at this very crucial time. Vitamin and Mineral therapy's are often the missing component of medical recoveries. Please allow the full use of all the training given Doctors of Naturopathic Medicine to be administered to Hawaii patients. We need every sound and medically proven treatment available to the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Paul Cooper LMT



Re: SB420, SD2

Dear Chairman Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the House Health Committee:

I am writing as a Hawai'i resident and as a concerned citizen. It is increasingly clear that we are in an economic recession and it is also rather alarming to see the state of our current healthcare system. Many physicians are leaving the state, especially the outer islands, and replacements are minimal at best. Many of us residing on the outer islands must fly to Oahu to seek even basic medical care, which is a great expense and is often difficult for those who are injured or ill. Even this option is not always adequate and an increasing number of patients are flying to the mainland for specialized treatment in the interest of being seen in a timely fashion.

It is my understanding that there are approximately 100 Naturopathic Physicians actively practicing in the state of Hawai'i with minimal insurance coverage and a limited scope of practice. This seems counterproductive to increasing the level of healthcare available to the citizens of this state, especially in the underserved areas. Given their level of training it seems that naturopathic physicians are a powerful resource for helping to remedy the current situation and should be utilized as such. If you are not familiar with their skills and training, I strongly encourage you to educate yourself on the matter (much information can be obtained at [www.naturopathic.org](http://www.naturopathic.org)). They are licensed in this state as primary care physicians but are not allowed to practice as trained due to the antiquated limitations put upon them.

If it weren't for my Naturopathic Physician finding a treatment for me that took care of my illness when the regular MD couldn't or was not available here, I would still be very ill. I owe everything to my ND. The ND's need a more modern scope of practice.

General practitioners are invaluable and help decrease the work load of the medical specialists, who are generally overwhelmed with the current demand. Indeed, many of them are no longer able to take on new patients, leaving individuals to look elsewhere for therapies. Preventative medicine and lifestyle changes can promote a healthier Hawai'i, while decreasing the financial burden of health care costs. I ask that you please consider a modernization of scope of practice for naturopathic physicians for the benefit of all the citizens and visitors to Hawai'i. Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,  
Kimberly Driggs

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**From:** Sunny Massad [sunnymassad@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:27 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** YES - SB No. 420, SD2

Dear Representatives Yamane, Nishimoto, and other Members of the House Committee on Health,

I urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 that supports naturopathic medicine. I have gone to naturopathic doctors for over 20 years in California, Oregon, Washington, and the past 6 years here in Hawaii. I am a 55 year old woman who believes in wellness. Laurie Steelsmith is my primary care practitioner. I have catastrophic insurance in case I need it, but otherwise rely almost exclusively with naturopathic medicine. Other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians to accept insurance and I think it would be of great benefit to Hawaii, who has so many people with diabetes and obesity, to move in that direction, as well.

With the shortage of primary care physicians in Hawaii due to so many physicians leaving the state, so many people are seeing naturopathic doctors (and chiropractors, acupuncturists, and wellness counselors) that it is getting more and more difficult to get in! Because we can not use insurance to see our practitioners, many people end up going to health food stores in attempt to self treat, which never ideal! Please consider giving wellness practitioners an opportunity to decrease the long-term financial burden of health care costs.

Thank you for passing S.B. No. 420, S.D.2.

Sincerely,

Sunny Massad, Ph.D.

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**From:** Linda Spadaro [lindas@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:35 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** support of SB No.420, S. D. 2

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

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 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. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training and they have minimal insurance coverage. 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.

*Linda Spadaro*  
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**From:**

Dr. Monica Scheel [drscheel@pacificaskinwellness.com]

Sunday, March 15, 2009

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Testimony for SB420, SD2 hearing 3/17/09 8:30 a.m.

To: House Committee on Health, Chairman Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and other committee members

Re: SB420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

I am Monica Scheel, MD, a board-certified dermatologist. For the past 5 years, I have practiced with a naturopathic physician. Our professional relationship is very mutually beneficial, for our patients as well as ourselves. We refer back and forth to each other, and learn a great deal from each other. My partner, Michael Traub, ND, knows considerably more about dermatology than the average MD primary care physician. In fact, he is an active member of the Big Island Dermatology Society, which meets monthly to discuss patient cases, dermatopathology, and journal articles.

Due to our close working relationship, I am able to help Dr. Traub's patients with certain things that the Hawaii naturopathic law does not provide for, such as biopsies and prescription medications. It is my opinion, however, that Dr. Traub has the level of knowledge, experience and competence to provide these for his patients independently.

I wholeheartedly endorse the intent of SB420 to modernize the naturopathic scope of practice in Hawaii and urge you to support its passage.

Sincerely,  
Monica Scheel, MD

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**From:** Noran Siegel [noran.siegel@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:39 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

My name is Noran Siegel. I have been a resident of Hawaii for 21 years. I have received most of my medical care in these years from Naturopathic physicians. I believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of Hawaii that they are able to receive health care from naturopaths as they have been taught without limitations. There is already a health care crisis in Hawaii with skilled doctors leaving the islands and a shortage of primary health care practitioners in the rural communities. I ask that you support Senate Bill 420 as it relates to Naturopathic Medicine.

Mahalo

Noran Siegel  
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**From:** Eric Wakely [eric4sail@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:52 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Senate Bill No. 420

Eric Wakely  
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Waikoloa, HI 96738

March 15,2009

RE: The House Committee on Health Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009  
Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

As a resident of Hawaii and a concerned citizen, I support Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine. Naturopathic physicians are not covered by my insurance provider, HMSA. I feel I am missing out on having the type of primary care physician I want due to the current rules. I believe allowing naturopathic physicians to practice as they have been trained will benefit all people of Hawaii and help to ease the increasing health crisis and shortage of quality trained primary care physicians for our communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Eric Wakely

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**From:** Lizabeth Kashinsky [hinahina71@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:37 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** please support S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 relating to naturopathic medicine

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

As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen a naturopathic doctor (Dr. Laurie Steelsmith) for naturopathic medical care after I was diagnosed with an illness, and as a result I have significantly improved my health. In addition, I feel that the care I received from Dr. Steelsmith has afforded me a much healthier lifestyle that will help to prevent illness in the future. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training and they have minimal insurance coverage. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii. Given the costs of the naturopathic care since it is not covered by my insurance, I have sacrificed financially on my biologist's salary, and urge you to support this bill so that others like myself do not have to make this sacrifice, or so that others who can't even afford the sacrifice are still given the opportunity to take care of their health on every level that is available.

In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is high time to give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii 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.

Sincerely,  
Lizabeth Kashinsky

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**From:** Barbara Ritchie [blritchie@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:40 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. 420, S.D. 2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

*Barbara L. Ritchie  
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Haleiwa, HI 96712*

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009  
**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine**  
Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329

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Sincerely,

Barbara L. Ritchie



**From:** Laura Lee Suyetsugu [ok2pray@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:45 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

LAURA LEE SUYETSUGU  
58-025 MAIKA PLACE  
HALEIWA, HAWAII 96712  
March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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

Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.,  
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Sincerely,  
Laura Lee Suyetsugu

**From:** Lani Yamasaki [lycd@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:00 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420 S.D.2 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Lani Yamasaki  
P.O. Box 222  
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743  
March 15, 2009

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Lani Yamasaki

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**From:** Landon Oponui [landonopunui@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:30 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for Bill No. 420

The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

As a Native Hawaiian with a passion to improve the health of my people, I embarked on my journey to become a naturopathic physician this past fall. Deciding upon a conventional allopathic medical program and a naturopathic medical program, I ultimately choose the later. With a firm understanding of my cultural values, the essence of naturopathic medicine philosophically meshed well with my personal views on health. It made sense to me that the practice of diagnosis, treatment and prevention be based upon a system that looks at the totality of a person and not just the physical self. Although I have just begun my training, I believe in this type of medicine and am confident that I will soon be improving the quality of life of not just my people, but all of the people of Hawaii. A larger scope of practice will provide naturopathic physicians an opportunity to provide better quality of care. For the health of those living in Hawaii who desire to receive naturopathic medical care, I urge you to pass Senate Bill No. 420, relating to Naturopathic Medicine.

To the future health of Hawaii,  
Landon Ka lau'ae nai'i i na la ino Oponui  
1st year ND student, Bastyr University  
Kapolei, Hawaii

**From:** Marie [msode@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 7:49 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of SB 420, SD2, relating to Naturopathic Medicine

I and several friends that have benefitted from the services of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors for various health treatments. Also available are diagnostic and health screening services difficult to find through traditional medicine that have been very useful and informative.

I am in support of S.B. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Health, hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 in room 329.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 2:51 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Cc:** susanj@lava.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB420 on 3/17/2009 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for HLT 3/17/2009 8:30:00 AM SB420

Conference room: 329  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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**Comments:**

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Sincerely,

Susan Jaworowski

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**From:** Cathy Meyer-Uyehara [crescendocoach@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 3:56 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420 S.D.2

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

As a Hawaii resident and an executive in traditional healthcare, I am writing to strongly urge your support of S.B. No. 420 S.D.2 relating to naturopathic medicine. I have seen Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health. She helped me discover the cause of an illness that had been with me for two years. Now, I am symptom free. Naturopathic physicians have extensive training at naturopathic medical schools, and they are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts. However, in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training and they have minimal insurance coverage. 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 passing this vital bill.

Cathy Meyer-Uyehara, FACHE, NHA

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**From:** Hawaii Oceanfront Rentals [littlegrassshacks@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 4:14 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.2.

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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.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Coffey  
572 Kaimalino Street  
Kailua, HI 96734



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**From:** Shanon Sidell [doctorshanon@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 4:15 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
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Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Health Committee Members,

I am writing out of my wish to be a part of the solution to the current healthcare crisis in Hawaii.

I have been a resident of Hawaii since 1996. In 2001, I left to attend medical school on the mainland, and finished my residency last year. I have returned to South Kona and intend to practice in this community. I am the sole physician for 15 miles in one direction and 25 miles in the other.

As a naturopathic physician, I was trained as a primary care doctor. My education was comprised of two years of science didactics and three years of clinical training. This included 60 hours of coursework in medical procedures such as superficial wound closure, intramuscular injections and intravenous therapies. In addition were 50 hours of coursework pharmacology. This training is on par with my allopathic counterparts.

In order to fully care for my patients as a primary care physician, Hawaii's naturopathic medicine law needs updating. Currently, when my patients need a prescription drug, injections or vaccinations, or stitches for superficial cuts, I refer them out to another medical practitioner. This not only adds an extra expense for the patient, but also valuable time while waiting to receive an appointment in an already overburdened system.

The steps toward modernization in SB420 will help to ease the burden on our over-stretched healthcare practitioners, allow access to more primary care providers, and support a philosophy of illness prevention, translating into increased quality of life, and ultimately cost savings.

I am asking on behalf of myself and the patients in my community to support the current legislation SB420. It would make a measurable difference in the quality and breadth of care I am able to give my patients in our underserved area of Hawaii.

I am asking for your support of Senate Bill 420.

Shanon Sidell, ND  
P.O. Box 992  
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96745

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Kealia, Hawaii

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**From:** Vicki Sakoda [sakodav@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 4:20 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Re: S.B.No. 420, S.D.2

Vicki Sakoda  
3511 Kepuhi Street  
Honolulu, HI 96815  
March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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Sincerely,

Vicki Sakoda

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**From:** Mary Morioka [mkimiem@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 4:43 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support S.B. No. 420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

March 15, 2009

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Sincerely,  
Mary Morioka  
3755 Anuhea Street  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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**From:** Michelle Suber [michellesuber@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:10 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Senate Bill No. 420, Naturopathic Medicine

The House Committee on Health

Twenty-fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009

Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To be heard Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

To:  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane,  
Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto,  
Vice Chair and committee members

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members,

I write to urge your support of this bill to bring naturopathic medicine up to date with the ability of naturopathic physicians to practice as we have been trained.

I have held a license to practice naturopathic medicine in Hawaii since 1998 and currently serve in Kapulena, near Honoka'a, on the Big Island of Hawaii. The combination of increased economic pressure and a shortage of island physicians makes this bill incredibly topical. Naturopathic physicians are trained to safely serve as primary care physicians and, with the passage of this bill, will be able to help address the current gap in Hawaii island health care. The modernization of our scope of practice in this state is also important for the safety of our residents, as it will help insure that physicians practicing naturopathic medicine continue to stay up to date with current research and technical changes in evidence-based medicine.

I am honored to serve the citizens of the rural Hamakua coast. The passage of this bill will allow me to care for more patients, and care for them more completely. Please support the passage of this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Michelle Suber  
HI #121  
808-775-0118

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**From:** Charlie & Layne Soon [haleola@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:13 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Layne Soon  
1515 Nuuanu Avenue, Unit 20  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 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.

Sincerely,  
Layne Soon

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**From:** Nat [nat@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 10:18 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

**Dr. Nathan Ehrlich, N.D.**  
PO Box 756 Makawao, HI 96768  
(808) 572-1388 fax 572-1389  
February 10th, 2009

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

For a hearing scheduled Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. . in Conference Room 229.

To: The House Committee on Health

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair and committee members

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill No. 420, 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 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.



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**From:** E. Mitchell [aemlists@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2009 11:19 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S. B. No. 420, S. D. 2 Naturopathic Medicine

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329

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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.

Sincerely,  
A. Mitchell

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**From:** Holly\_Soria/KAIMUKH/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of SB 420, SD 2

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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Sincerely,

Holly Soria

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March 15, 2009

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

RE: **SB 420 SD2**

Honorable Committee Chair, Ryan I. Yamane, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto, and other Health 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.

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 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**.

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB #420, S.D.2

Sandra L. Moneymaker  
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March 15, 2009

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Sincerely,

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No 420

I urge you to pass this bill; naturopathic medicine has helped me greatly and I believe that it is very complimentary to traditional medicine. Many of the naturopathic treatments can truly help and be helped by using along with traditional medical treatments.

Thank you,  
Allaine Kelly

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**From:** Janet Williams-Reyes [janet@janetreyescpa.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

Rebecca Doescher, LMT  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 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.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Doescher

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**From:** K.M. Kelly [stardance@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:56 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Health Care

Kathleen M. Kelly

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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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As a Hawaii resident, I am writing to strongly urge your SUPPORT of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 relating to naturopathic medicine.

Mahalo for your support

Kathleen M. Kelly



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**From:** Frank Cunningham [frank.bubba1@hawaiiantel.net]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Senate Bill No. 420 - Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Aloha,

I ask for your favorable support and eventual passage of Senate Bill No. 420 relating to Naturopathic Medicine. I have been successfully treated on numerous occasions over the last thirty years by a Naturopath Physician and attribute my current state of excellent health to those treatments. I will continue to use Naturopathic Medicine in the future and readily recommend it to my friends. Mahalo, Frank Cunningham  
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Kilauea, HI 96754

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**From:** kay zane [kazuzane@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 11:21 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB420

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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.

Sincerely,  
Kay Zane

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**From:** Yasmin Vatter [yasminvatter@hawaii.rr.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329  
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March 15, 2009

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Sincerely, Yasmin Vatter

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Heather Malia Sandison  
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March 15, 2009

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Sincerely,  
Heather Sandison, LMT

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**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, re: Naturopathic Medicine [3/17 hearing]

Marilet A. Zablan  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 25th Legislature Regular Session of 2009

RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329

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No. 420, S.D.2 will greatly improve the quality of health care available in Hawaii.

Your passage of this bill would demonstrate foresight in moving Hawaii ahead as a leader in preventive health care. From where I sit, it will allow Dr. Steelsmith, and others like her, to offer Hawaii residents many more health care options. For many years, our friends living in other States such as Washington, Oregon, and Arizona have had access to much more comprehensive naturopathic health care than we do here in Hawaii, a State we like to think of as the epitome of good health.

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Robin Martin [RMartin@insurancefactors.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 12:00 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
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Leilani Magee, Principal, Hawaiian Isles Tennis  
Palolo Valley

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009  
**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine**  
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Sincerely, Leilani Magee



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**From:** Lennie S [paniolorecords@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB420

Please give your support and pass SB420.

We need this choice!!!

I was diagnosed with MS in 2000 and given 2years to be dead or in a wheel chair.

Due to naturopathic medicine I am alive and playing polo.

Mahalo and aloha,

Lennie Sorenson

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**From:** QuarbergL@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:20 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee

Linda L. Quarberg  
PO Box 583  
Volcano, HI 96785

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
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Bonnie Chan  
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**From:** Justin Langlais [langlais@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:37 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

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Sincerely,

Justin J. Langlais  
2814 Kalawao Street  
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**From:** Bebekalola@aol.com  
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**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Carol Viquelia  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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Sincerely, Carol Viquelia

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**From:** F. Gin [fabegin@me.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB420

Fabriann Gin (trainer)  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009  
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Sincerely,  
Fabriann Gin  
~ Live Aloha ~

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**From:** Dana Ritchie Fujikake [drfujikake@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 3:46 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony

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March 15, 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.

Sincerely,

Dana Fujikake

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**From:** Anne Wheelock [anne.wheelock@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 5:47 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, relating to naturopathic medicine

Anne Wheelock  
55 S. Judd St., #305, Honolulu, HI 96817 March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 25th Legislature, Regular Session of 2009  
Re: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee of Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 AM, Room 329

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With the current state of the economy, there is a shortage of primary care physicians in Hawaii, many physicians are leaving the state, and it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. To help reverse this trend, we need to modernize Hawaii's naturopathic law, which has not been revised in twenty years. Naturopathic physicians are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of health care costs.

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Sincerely,

Anne Wheelock

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**From:** Eva Saphore [evahawaii@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:02 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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Eva Saphore

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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

I support the Bill!@!!!!!!

Patricia Bloomer-O'Donnell

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:13 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

Dear Representative Yamane, Chair, Representative Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Members of the House Committee on Health,

I support the bill above which improves our laws relating to modernizing naturopathic medicine . The more medical options we have, the better off we will be.

Gaylord Wilcox  
111 Royal Circle  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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**From:** Catherine Ostrem [ostremrc@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Catherine S. Ostrem,  
5431 Paniolo Place  
Honolulu, HI 96821

March 15, 2009

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Catherine S. Ostrem



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**From:** jerandheather@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 6:15 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** I Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic

**Importance:** High

Heather Morgado  
45-663 Pua Alowalo St  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

March 15, 2009

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Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009  
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**From:** Charlene T. Davé [xibitint@aol.com]  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Bill

Charlene T. Davé  
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March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009  
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**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** message of support for S.B. No.420, S.D.2

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:32 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:09 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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**From:** Diana Hirsch [dhirsch@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:42 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:43 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** SB No. 420, SD2

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:05 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 7:40 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Committee on Health Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 329

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**From:** M. Bailey [moonabeama@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:02 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of SB No 420, SD2 supporting Naturopathic Medicine  
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Lahaina, HI 9671

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:10 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.2,  
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**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:20 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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**From:** Valerie Wayne [vwayne@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:21 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420

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Thank you for your consideration. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2. deserves to be passed so that the people of our state receive the medical help from naturopathic physicians that we all deserve.

Sincerely,

Valerie Wayne, Ph.D.

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**From:** Denise JG [danceonhi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:38 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Denise Grayzell, Owner Oahu Paradise Cleaning Services, LLC, PO Box 894123, Mililani, HI 96789

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

**RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine  
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Denise Grayzell

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**From:** Robin Rohr [robinrohr@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:44 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** in support of passing of S B No. 420 SD2  
**Attachments:** emma\_grey.gif; powered\_dk\_grey.gif

Please e-mail your message of support to: [HLTtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HLTtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

**Your Name** Robin Rohr- Rohr Pacific Properties  
**Your Address** 4210 Kaikoo Place Honolyly Hawaii 96816

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**Sincerely,**

**Robin Rohr**

**Rohr Pacific Properties**

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**From:** Yvonne Everhart [yeverhart@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:48 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE:Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Yvonne Everhart  
PO Box 378  
Kaunakakai, Hi 96748  
March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, Twenty-Fifth Legislature Regular Session of 2009

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Sincerely,

Yvonne Everhart

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**From:** Rona Yim [rona@bodymint.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:12 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No 420, S. D. 2., Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (Scheduled for Tues. March 17th, 2009 at 8:30am Room 329

**Importance:** High

Rona A. Yim  
210 Ward Ave. Suite 240 Hon. HI 96814  
March 15, 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. What a gift to the people of Hawaii this will be!

Sincerely,

Rona A. Yim

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**From:** Michelle Mitchell [michelle@yogaofhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:42 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** support of SB No.420, S. D. 2, relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Michelle and Tom Mitchell  
PO Box 1011  
Kapaau, HI 96755

March 15, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 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.

Sincerely,

Michelle and Tom Mitchell

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**From:** Suzanne Lahl [slahl@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:31 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420 - please pass!

March 15, 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.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Lahl  
Resident and Homeowner  
Hawaii  
879-8812



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**From:** Charles Wassman [buckaroos@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:34 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Janet Wassman  
94-479 Haiwale Loop, Mililani HI 96789

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**From:** Dulcinea Bosio [dulcinea@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:36 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Dulcinea Bosio, L.Ac.

445 Kaiolu Street #808 Honolulu, HI 96815

March 15, 2009

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**From:** Kristine Holasek [keh@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:38 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2

Kristine Holasek  
3270 Beaumont Woods Place  
Honolulu, HI 96822

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Sincerely,  
Kristine Holasek

**From:** Naomi Olson [naocreative@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:40 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. #420 - Naturopathic

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Sincerely,

Naomi Olson

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**From:** Roxanne Rivero [surfergirl808@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2009 10:02 AM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Bil

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Sincerely,

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*Aloha, Roxanne Rivero  
238 Kaimanawai Place  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816*

## nishimoto2-Bryce

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**From:** Natural Choices for Women [info@naturalchoicesforwomen.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2009 6:08 PM  
**To:** HLTtestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.2, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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March 14, 2009

To: The Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health, 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.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2009 6:07 PM  
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To: Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice  
Chair and committee members:  
Re: SB420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Dear Representative Yamane, Nishimoto and Committee Members:

Aloha. My name is Diana Joy Ostroff. I am a licensed Naturopathic Physician and Doctor of traditional Chinese Medicine. I have been practicing on Oahu for 20 years, taking care of Hawaii residents who are looking for an alternative or complementary care to assist them in attaining optimal health and well-being. I am a member of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians and the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians, as well as a past member of the licensing Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

I write to you today seeking your support of SB 420. The passage of this bill will enable licensed naturopathic physicians to practice in the manner in which we have been trained. As it was last revised 20 years ago, our statute is clearly out of date. At that time, our law included the provision that we can practice as we are taught. Naturopathic medicine, like allopathic medicine, has evolved significantly since that time. ND's are trained as primary care providers. The current law places significant restrictions on our ability to provide primary care in Hawaii.

The purpose of regulation should be public protection. This should be the top priority in the scope of practice regulation. 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. Collaboration between health care providers should be the professional norm, and 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 as well. All practice acts should require licensees to demonstrate that they have the requisite training and competence to provide a service.

As there is clearly a healthcare crisis in Hawaii as well as nation wide, we as naturopathic doctors are trained and licensed to be part of the solution and we ask for your support in passing SB 420, for the modernization of our law which will be clearly defined to serve Hawaii's resident's with the utmost care and effectiveness

Much Aloha and Mahalo,

Dr. Diana Joy Ostroff

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Naturopathic doctors can help keep down health care costs by treating the underlying cause of disease and assisting patients in taking personal responsibility for their health. In keeping with the Obama administration's aims to cut health care costs by promoting preventive medicine, it is high time to give Hawaii's naturopathic doctors greater ability to practice preventive medicine according to their training. S.B. No. 420, S.D.2 will give naturopathic doctors in Hawaii 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.

Sincerely Yours,  
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