

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Madam:

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

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

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

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

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

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

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

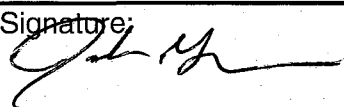
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

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| The Recommendation is:  |   |                                       |                                  |          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br>2313   |   |                                       |                                  |          |
| Members   | Aye   | Aye (WR)                              | Nay                              | Excused  |
| IGE, David Y. (C)   | ✓   |                                       |                                  |          |
| GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)  | ✓   |                                       |                                  |          |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H.   | ✓   |                                       |                                  |          |
| ESPERO, Will  |   |                                       |                                  | ✓        |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K.  | ✓   |                                       |                                  |          |
| HEMMINGS, Fred  | ✓   |                                       |                                  |          |
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| Recommendation:   |   |                                       |                                  |          |
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**Report Title:**

Naturopathic Medicine; Naturopathy; Parenteral Therapy

**Description:**

Amends the title of the chapter regulating naturopathy to "naturopathic medicine"; defines "naturopathic medicine"; authorizes naturopathic physicians to administer parenteral therapy; authorizes naturopathic physicians to obtain Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration; authorizes temporary license to licensed out-of-state naturopathic physicians in a declared public health emergency. (SD1)

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

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

4           "§455-     Parenteral therapy. (a) A naturopathic  
5 physician may use parenteral therapy that is consistent with the  
6 common practice of naturopathic medicine; provided that the  
7 naturopathic physician administering the parenteral therapy  
8 shall:

9           (1) Submit to the board evidence of training in parenteral  
10 therapy that is acceptable to the board; and

11           (2) Have received board approval to administer parenteral  
12 therapy, prior to the administration of the parenteral  
13 therapy.

14           (b) The board shall require parenteral training to  
15 include, at a minimum:

16           (1) At least sixteen hours of instruction from an approved  
17 school, pursuant to this section, or training course

1 approved by the board, equivalent to that offered by  
2 an approved school. An approved training course shall  
3 have been taught by a validly licensed doctor of  
4 naturopathy, doctor of medicine, or doctor of  
5 osteopathy. The board may require further  
6 qualifications for an instructor;

7 (2) Indications;

8 (3) Contraindications;

9 (4) Formularies;

10 (5) Emergency protocols;

11 (6) Osmolarity calculation;

12 (7) Aseptic technique; and

13 (8) Proper documentation.

14 (c) The naturopathic physician shall retain training  
15 documentation for at least five years from the date of  
16 attestation.

17 (d) All naturopathic physicians who administer parenteral  
18 therapy shall have a written plan that is easily accessible in  
19 their office describing procedures to safely manage adverse  
20 events including sensitivity, allergy, overdose, and other  
21 unintended reactions to parenteral therapy.

1        §455-        **Controlled substances; authorization.**    A

2        naturopathic physician may obtain a current Federal Drug  
3        Enforcement Administration registration.

4        §455-        **Public health emergency; temporary and limited**  
5        **license for licensed out-of-state naturopathic physicians.**    (a)

6        If a public health emergency or disaster condition is declared  
7        by the governor, the board shall allow naturopathic physicians  
8        licensed in another state to provide temporary and limited  
9        naturopathic medicine in Hawaii under special provisions during  
10       the period of the declared public health emergency or disaster  
11       condition, subject to limitations and conditions as the governor  
12       and the board may prescribe.

13       (b) A limited and temporary license issued pursuant to  
14       this section shall be valid only for the period of the declared  
15       public health emergency or disaster condition.

16       (c) Out-of-state naturopathic physicians shall submit to  
17       the board the following information:

18       (1) Verification of a valid, permanent, current, and  
19       unrestricted license to practice naturopathic medicine  
20       in another state which is not the subject of a pending  
21       investigation by a state medical board, or another  
22       state or federal agency; and

1       (2) A valid federal passport or state issued driver's  
2       license for photo identification.

3       §455- Exceptions; scope of chapter. (a) Nothing in  
4 this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or restrict:

5       (1) The practice of a profession by individuals who are  
6       licensed, certified, or registered under the laws of  
7       this State who are performing services within their  
8       authorized scope of practice;

9       (2) The practice of naturopathic medicine by an individual  
10       employed by the government of the United States while  
11       the individual is engaged in the performance of duties  
12       prescribed for the individual by the laws and  
13       regulations of the United States;

14       (3) The practice of naturopathic medicine by students  
15       enrolled in a school approved by the board. The  
16       performance of services shall be pursuant to a course  
17       of instruction or assignments from an instructor and  
18       under the supervision of the instructor. The  
19       instructor shall be a naturopathic physician licensed  
20       pursuant to this chapter; and

21       (4) The practice by a doctor of naturopathic medicine duly  
22       registered or licensed in another state, territory, or



1 the District of Columbia when incidentally called into  
2 this State for consultation with a licensed  
3 naturopathic physician, including in-person, mail,  
4 electronic, telephonic, fiber-optic, or other  
5 telemedicine consultation; provided that:

6 (A) The naturopathic physician from another state  
7 shall not open an office, or appoint a place to  
8 meet patients in this State, or receive calls  
9 within the limits of the State for the provision  
10 of care for a patient who is located in this  
11 State; and

12 (B) The licensed naturopathic physician of this State  
13 retains control and remains responsible for the  
14 provision of care for the patient who is located  
15 in this State.

16 (b) This chapter does not restrict or apply to the scope  
17 of practice of any other profession licensed, certified, or  
18 registered under the laws of this State."

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended by amending its title to read as follows:

21 **"~~NATUROPATHY~~ NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE"**

1 SECTION 3. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§455-1 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

4 "Behavioral medicine" means therapy techniques including  
5 biofeedback, relaxation training, hypnosis, mindfulness-based  
6 stress reduction, and cognitive therapy.

7 "Board" means the board of [~~examiners in naturopathy.~~]  
8 naturopathic medicine.

9 "Common diagnostic procedures" means the use of  
10 venipuncture consistent with the practice of naturopathic  
11 medicine, commonly used diagnostic modalities consistent with  
12 naturopathic practice, taking of health history, physical  
13 examination, radiography, laboratory medicine, and obtaining  
14 samples of human tissue as authorized as a minor office  
15 procedure.

16 "Controlled substance" means a scheduled drug as defined in  
17 section 329-1.

18 "Department" means the department of commerce and consumer  
19 affairs.

20 "Diagnosis" means using all recognized and accepted  
21 physical and laboratory diagnostic procedures including the  
22 taking of blood for diagnostic purposes.

1       "Disaster condition" means a sudden catastrophic event that  
2 overwhelms natural order and causes loss of property or life and  
3 exceeds or disrupts the capabilities of available medical  
4 resources to receive and provide medical care within a  
5 community.

6       "Homeopathic" means minute doses of [~~natural medicine.~~]  
7 substances that have been highly diluted and shaken according to  
8 standardized pharmaceutical methods.

9       "Hygiene and immunization" means the use of preventative  
10 techniques including personal hygiene, asepsis, public health,  
11 and, to the extent allowed by rule, immunizations.

12       "Legend drug" means any drug defined in section 503(b) of  
13 the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and under which  
14 definition its label is required to bear the statement "RX  
15 only".

16       "Manual manipulation" or "mechanotherapy" means  
17 manipulation of a part or the whole of the body by hand or  
18 mechanical means.

19       "Minor office procedures" means care and procedures  
20 relative to superficial lacerations, lesions and abrasions, and  
21 the removal of foreign bodies located in superficial structures,  
22 not to include the eye; and the topical and parenteral use of

1 substances consistent with the practice of naturopathic  
2 medicine, in accordance with rules established by the board.

3 ~~["Natural medicine" encompasses substances of botanical,~~  
4 ~~mineral, and animal origin, homeopathic preparations thereof,~~  
5 ~~and substances whose natural state has been improved by any~~  
6 ~~process that does not substantially alter the molecular~~  
7 ~~structure found in nature, including vitamins, minerals, and~~  
8 ~~amino acids; excluding prescription drugs, with the following~~  
9 ~~exceptions: vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and fatty acids.]~~

10 "Naturopathic formulary" means vitamins, minerals, dietary  
11 supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines,  
12 hormones, and those legend drugs and controlled substances  
13 consistent with naturopathic medical practice in accordance with  
14 rules established by the board.

15 "Naturopathic medicine" means the practice of the art and  
16 science of diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of disorders of  
17 the body by support, stimulation or both, of the natural  
18 processes of the human body by naturopathic physicians. The  
19 practice of naturopathic medicine includes the prescription,  
20 administration, dispensing, and use of nutrition and food  
21 science, physical modalities, manual manipulation, parenteral  
22 therapy, minor office procedures, naturopathic formulary,

1 hygiene and immunization, contraceptive devices, common  
2 diagnostic procedures, and behavioral medicine of the type  
3 taught in education and training at naturopathic medical  
4 colleges.

5 "Naturopathic physician" means a person who holds a current  
6 license issued under this chapter to practice [~~naturopathy.~~]  
7 naturopathic medicine.

8 [~~"Naturopathy" means the practice of:~~

- 9 ~~(1) Natural medicine, natural therapeutics, and natural~~  
10 ~~procedures, for the purpose of removing toxic~~  
11 ~~conditions from the body and improving the quality,~~  
12 ~~quantity, harmony, balance, and flow of the vital~~  
13 ~~fluids, vital tissues, and vital energy; and~~
- 14 ~~(2) Diagnosing, treating, and caring for patients using a~~  
15 ~~system of practice that bases its treatment of~~  
16 ~~physiological functions and abnormal conditions on~~  
17 ~~natural laws governing the human body: utilizing~~  
18 ~~physiological, psychological, and mechanical methods,~~  
19 ~~such as air, water, light, sunshine, heat and cold,~~  
20 ~~earth, phytotherapy, physiotherapy, mechano-therapy,~~  
21 ~~naturopathic corrections and manipulation, and natural~~  
22 ~~methods or modalities, together with natural or~~

1 ~~homeopathic medicines, natural foods, and herbs, and~~  
2 ~~nature's remedies of the type taught in education and~~  
3 ~~training at naturopathic medical colleges. The~~  
4 ~~practice of naturopathy excludes surgery, application~~  
5 ~~of x-rays, and prescribing, dispensing, or using~~  
6 ~~prescription drugs except as provided for in the~~  
7 ~~definition of natural medicine.]~~

8 "Nutrition and food science" means the prevention and  
9 treatment of disease or other human conditions through the use  
10 of diet.

11 "Parenteral therapy" means the administration of substances  
12 by means other than through the gastrointestinal tract,  
13 including intravenous, subcutaneous and intramuscular injection.

14 "Physical modalities" means use of physical, chemical,  
15 electrical, and other modalities, including but not limited to  
16 heat, cold, air, light, including lasers, water in any of its  
17 forms, sound, massage, and therapeutic exercise.

18 "Radiography" means the ordering of all radiographic  
19 diagnostic and other imaging studies, including the taking and  
20 interpretation of standard radiographs."

21 SECTION 4. Section 455-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
22 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

1           "(a) Any person desiring to practice [~~naturopathy~~]  
2 naturopathic medicine shall be licensed under this chapter. To  
3 obtain a license under this chapter, a person shall submit a  
4 completed application prescribed by the board, provide the  
5 information required under this chapter, rules of the board, and  
6 other applicable laws and rules, and pay a nonrefundable  
7 application fee and other fees provided in rules adopted by the  
8 director in accordance with chapter 91."

9           SECTION 5. Section 455-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11           "**§455-3 Education requirements.** Each applicant shall be a  
12 graduate of a school, university, or college of [~~naturopathy~~]  
13 naturopathic medicine that has received candidacy status with,  
14 or has been accredited by, a regional or a national accrediting  
15 body recognized by the United States Department of Education;  
16 provided that any applicant who graduated from a college of  
17 [~~naturopathy~~] naturopathic medicine prior to 1987 shall be  
18 deemed qualified if the college was approved by the board prior  
19 to 1987 and has been accredited by a regional or national  
20 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of  
21 Education."

1 SECTION 6. Section 455-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§455-4 State board of [~~examiners in naturopathy.~~]**  
4 **naturopathic medicine.** The governor shall appoint the board of  
5 [~~examiners in naturopathy,~~] naturopathic medicine, consisting of  
6 five members. Each member shall serve until the member's  
7 successor is appointed and qualified. Three members of the  
8 board, before appointment, shall have been licensed as a  
9 naturopathic physician in the State and two shall be public  
10 members. The members of the board may elect a chairperson and a  
11 vice-chairperson who shall each serve one year or until a  
12 successor is elected."

13 SECTION 7. Section 455-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 **"§455-6 Powers and authority of the board.** In addition to  
16 any other powers and duties authorized by law, the board may:

- 17 (1) Adopt and use a seal to be affixed to all official  
18 acts of the board;
- 19 (2) Adopt, amend, or repeal rules in accordance with  
20 chapter 91 to carry out the purposes of this chapter;  
21 provided that all rules shall be approved by the  
22 governor and the director of commerce and consumer



1           affairs, and when adopted pursuant to chapter 91 shall  
2           have the force and effect of law. The rules may forbid  
3           acts or practices deemed by the board to be  
4           detrimental to the accomplishment of the purpose of  
5           this chapter, establish standards of practice, care  
6           and ethics, establish the medications that may be  
7           prescribed by licensees, require licensees to complete  
8           educational courses and training, and establish  
9           requirements for parenteral therapy. This enumeration  
10          of specific matters that may properly be made the  
11          subject of rules shall not be construed to limit the  
12          board's broad general power to make rules necessary to  
13          fully effectuate the purpose of this chapter;  
14          (3) Develop standards for licensure;  
15          (4) Issue, renew, suspend, and revoke licenses and fine  
16          licensees;  
17          (5) Investigate and conduct hearings regarding any  
18          violation of this chapter and any rules of the board;  
19          (6) Maintain a record of its proceedings; [~~and~~]  
20          (7) Annually publish a list of medications that have been  
21          approved by the board that may be prescribed,

1           administered, or dispensed by naturopathic physicians;

2           and

3       ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Do all things necessary to carry out the  
4           functions, powers, and duties set forth in this  
5           chapter."

6           SECTION 8. Section 455-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7       amended to read as follows:

8           "**§455-8 License to practice; biennial registration.**

9       Licenses to practice [~~naturopathy~~] naturopathic medicine shall  
10      be issued by the board to those who qualify according to this  
11      chapter. Naturopathic physicians licensed under this chapter  
12      shall observe and be subject to all state requirements relative  
13      to reporting births and all matters pertaining to the public  
14      health with equal rights and obligations as physicians,  
15      surgeons, and practitioners of other schools of medicine. These  
16      equal rights shall apply to all matters of public health,  
17      including the performance of medical examinations and  
18      evaluations. Every licensee shall renew the licensee's license  
19      on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year. Failure to  
20      renew the license on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered  
21      year shall automatically constitute a forfeiture of license;  
22      provided that the license shall be restored upon written

1 application therefor together with payment of the renewal fee,  
2 all delinquent fees, and a penalty fee."

3 SECTION 9. Section 455-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§455-9 Penalty.** Any person except a licensed  
6 naturopathic physician who practices, attempts to practice, or  
7 advertises the practice of [~~naturopathy,~~] naturopathic medicine,  
8 or any person who buys, sells, or fraudulently obtains any  
9 diploma or license to practice [~~naturopathy~~] naturopathic  
10 medicine whether recorded or not, or any person who uses the  
11 title "natureopath", "naturopath", "doctor of naturopathy,  
12 "doctor of naturopathic medicine," "naturopathic healthcare,  
13 "naturopathic physician," "naturopathic medicine,  
14 "naturopathy," "naturopathic doctor," or "N.D.", or any word or  
15 title to induce the belief that the person is engaged in the  
16 practice of [~~naturopathy~~] naturopathic medicine without  
17 complying with this chapter, or any person who violates this  
18 chapter, shall be fined a sum of not less than \$500 nor more  
19 than \$10,000 for each violation, which sum shall be collected in  
20 a civil action brought by the attorney general or the department  
21 on behalf of the State."

1 SECTION 10. Section 455-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,  
4 the board shall have the power to deny, revoke, suspend, or  
5 refuse to renew any license to practice [~~naturopathy~~  
6 naturopathic medicine applied for or issued by the board in  
7 accordance with this chapter, and to fine or otherwise  
8 discipline a licensee for any cause authorized by law, including  
9 but not limited to the following:

- 10 (1) Procuring, or aiding or abetting in procuring, a  
11 criminal abortion;
- 12 (2) Employing any person to solicit patients;
- 13 (3) Obtaining a fee on the assurance that a manifestly  
14 incurable disease can be permanently cured;
- 15 (4) Betraying a patient's confidence;
- 16 (5) Making any untruthful and improbable statement in  
17 advertising one's naturopathic practice or business;
- 18 (6) False, fraudulent, or deceptive advertising;
- 19 (7) Being habituated to the excessive use of drugs or  
20 alcohol; or being addicted to, dependent on, or an  
21 habitual user of a narcotic, barbiturate, amphetamine,  
22 hallucinogen, or other drug having similar effects;

- 1 (8) Practicing [~~naturopathy~~] naturopathic medicine while  
2 the ability to practice is impaired by alcohol, drug,  
3 physical disability, or mental instability;
- 4 (9) Procuring a license through fraud, misrepresentation,  
5 or deceit or knowingly permitting an unlicensed person  
6 to perform activities requiring a license;
- 7 (10) Professional misconduct or gross carelessness or  
8 manifest incapacity in the practice of [~~naturopathy~~;  
9 naturopathic medicine;
- 10 (11) Conduct or practice contrary to recognized standard of  
11 ethics of the naturopathic profession;
- 12 (12) Utilizing medical service or treatment which is  
13 inappropriate or unnecessary;
- 14 (13) Submitting to or filing with the board any notice,  
15 statement, or other document required under this  
16 chapter which is false or untrue or contains any  
17 material misstatement of fact;
- 18 (14) Failure to report to the board any disciplinary action  
19 taken against the licensee in another jurisdiction  
20 within thirty days after the disciplinary action  
21 becomes final;

1 (15) Using the title "physician" without clearly  
 2 identifying oneself as being a naturopathic physician;  
 3 [~~and~~]

4 (16) Prescribing medications not approved by the board; and

5 [~~(16)~~] (17) Violation of any provisions of this chapter or  
 6 rules adopted under this chapter."

7 SECTION 11. The revisor of statutes shall replace the  
 8 terms:

9 (1) "Board of examiners in naturopathy" or like terms,  
 10 with "board of naturopathic medicine" or like terms;  
 11 and

12 (2) "Naturopathy" or like terms, with "naturopathic  
 13 medicine" or like terms; as those terms appear in the  
 14 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15 SECTION 12. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 420 S.D.1- RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, 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.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine. My name is Jo Ann Uchida, Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). The Department takes no position on the bill, but offers the following comments.

Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.1 contains a number of amendments to the Naturopathy chapter, authorizes naturopathic physicians to administer parenteral

therapy, authorizes naturopathic physicians to obtain Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration and prescribe controlled substances, and authorizes naturopathic physicians to administer intravenous, subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections. The bill also provides for a defective effective date of July 1, 2050.

Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.1 significantly expands the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians. The bill as drafted gives the Board authority to promulgate rules to establish the medications that may be prescribed by licensees (page 13, lines 6-7), permits the Board to annually publish a list of Board-approved medications that may be prescribed (page 13, lines 20-21), and prohibits licensees from prescribing medications not approved by the Board (page 18, line 4). The bill also includes a definition of "naturopathic formulary" (page 8 lines 10-14) that would be determined by rules established by the Board.

The Department understands that the terms "medications" and "naturopathic formulary" as used in the bill are intended by the bill's proponents to be synonymous. The Department suggests that the terms be reconciled to avoid confusion or misunderstanding regarding their meaning.

Also, the Board's adoption of parenteral therapy guidelines and approved medications may take some time, in the event this bill becomes law. The Department, therefore, suggests that the Board be given authority to promulgate rules, including guidelines, standards of practice, and a list of approved medications, at the time the law is enacted, but that implementation of the remaining provisions of the bill be delayed. This will ensure that adequate Board-



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approved standards will be in place when the law goes into effect. If the bill is enacted without a staggered effective date, the Department is concerned that licensees will be precluded from administering even those natural medicines currently within their scope of practice until the Board approves and adopts a list of medications.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on Senate Bill No. 420 S.D.1.

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

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE  
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2009

Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
9:30 a.m.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS ON SENATE BILL NO. 420, S.D. 1, RELATING TO  
NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.**

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

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

The purpose of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1 is to amend the title of the chapter regulating naturopathy to "naturopathic medicine"; define and clarify the scope of "naturopathic medicine"; authorize naturopathic physicians to administer parenteral therapy (i.e., treatments by injection) and obtain Federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration; 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 with the following amendments which also pertain to S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1:

1. Delete the new section entitled "Parenteral Therapy" on pages 1 and 2 of the bill because the amendment to HRS section 455-6(2) on pages 12 and 13 will allow the Board to establish requirements regarding parenteral therapy in the Board's administrative rules;
2. Delete subsection (b) on page 5, lines 16-18, in the new section entitled "Exceptions; scope of chapter" because it is already addressed on page 4, lines 5-8;
3. Clarify the definition of "Radiography" on page 10 as follows:  
"Radiography" means the ordering of all radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies, including but not limited to computed tomography scans, x-rays, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography scans, and ultrasounds. The term also means and includes the taking and interpreting of x-rays."

The Board believes that this amendment reflects the types of education and training that is taught in naturopathic medical schools; and

4. Amend the definition of "Naturopathic formulary" by deleting "in accordance with rules established by the board" on page 8, lines 13 and 14;  
  
Amend the proposed HRS section 455-6(2) by deleting the phrase "establish medications that may be prescribed by licensees" on page 13, lines 6-7; and  
  
Amend the proposed HRS section 455-6(7) on pages 13 and 14, lines

20-21 and 1, by changing to the following:

“(7) Annually establish and publish a naturopathic formulary that has been approved by the board that may be prescribed, administered, or dispensed by naturopathic physicians; . . .”

These amendments clarify that the Board has the specific authority to annually establish and publish a naturopathic formulary that lists the vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, hormones, and those legend drugs and controlled substances consistent with naturopathic medical practice that naturopathic physicians are able to prescribe, administer, and dispense. The Board believes that it has the expertise to independently determine the naturopathic formulary that naturopathic physicians are taught in naturopathic medical schools and at the same time, protect the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on Senate Bill No. 420, S.D. 1.

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE COMMERCE AND  
CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

**SB 420, SD1, Relating to Naturopathy**

For a hearing scheduled Tuesday March 3, 2009 at 9:30 AM, Conference Room 229.

March 1, 2009

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige 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, SD1.**

This testimony is offered in *three parts to facilitate your review*. The first **(I.)** presents some history and the need for this legislation. The second **(II.)** contains the **amendments recommended** by the HSNP, the Naturopathic Board of Examiners (Board) and HSNP's understanding of the intention of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) which did not make it into the Senate Health committees senate draft one. The HSNP understands that these amendments were left out due to time constraints and not with purpose. The HSNP supports these amendments and have had ongoing dialogue with RICO since the Health Committee hearing to find common ground and ensure their intentions and public safety is protected.

The third (III.) area of discussion is in response to late testimony submitted by the Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) for the Health Committee hearing which we suspect will come up again in the testimony you receive for this hearing.

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

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

As with any health care profession, naturopathic medicine is an evolving field. To provide our patients with the best care possible we seek to keep 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 we must not be limited in our practice to be most effective.

Our current law is unclear about some practice areas such as the parenteral administration of vitamins, minerals and amino acids; our prescriptive authority and minor office procedures. 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 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.

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

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

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

**II. HSNP’s recommended amendments and supportive reasoning for these amendments to SB420, SD1 are presented here.**

A great deal of supportive testimony was received at the Senate Health Committee hearing on February 11, 2009 from the general public and naturopathic and allopathic medical communities. The Board submitted supportive testimony at the hearing that recommended amendments to the bill. Ms. Jo Ann Uchida, Complaints and Enforcement Officer RICO submitted recommended amendments as well.

The HSNP agrees with the amendments made by the Senate Health Committee from the testimony submitted by the Board and the intention yet not the specifics of testimony submitted by RICO. **MICHAEL – DID ANY OF RICO’S RECOMMENDATIONS ACTUALLY MAKE IT INTO SD1? IF NOT I WILL DELETE THE LANGUAGE IN THE LAST SENTENCE AFTER “the Board.”** After speaking with Senator Ige’s office, it is our understanding that the Health Committee was not able to complete all corrections due to time constraints. In our review of SB420, SD1 we believe all amendments were completed with the exception of the Board’s following suggestions, which the HSNP supports:

1. Delete the new section entitled “Parenteral Therapy” on pages 1 and 2 of the bill because the amendment to HRS section 455-6(2) on pages 12 and 13 will allow the Board to establish requirements regarding parenteral therapy in the Board’s administrative rules.
2. Delete subsection (b) on page 5, lines 16-18, in the new section entitled "Exceptions; scope of chapter" because it is already addressed on page 4, lines 5-8.



3. Clarify the definition of "Radiography" on page 10 as follows: "Radiography" means the ordering of all radiographic diagnostic and other imaging studies, including but not limited to computed tomography scans, x-rays, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography scans, and ultrasounds. The term also means and includes the taking and interpreting of x-rays." This amendment reflects the type of education and training that is taught in naturopathic medical schools.
4. (a) Amend the definition of "Naturopathic formulary" by deleting "in accordance with rules established by the board" on page 8, lines 13 and 14;
- (b) Amend the proposed HRS section 455-6(2) by deleting the phrase "establish medications that may be prescribed by licensees" on page 13, lines 6-7; (the HSNP believes (a) and (b) will adequately address RICO's draft CPN testimony concern about the need to reconcile the terms naturopathic formulary and medications), and
- (c) Amend the proposed HRS section 455-6(7) on pages 13 and 14, lines 20-21 and 1, to the following:
- "(7) Annually establish and publish a naturopathic formulary that has been approved by the board that may be prescribed, administered, or dispensed by naturopathic physicians; . . ."

These amendments clarify that the Board has the specific authority to annually establish and publish a naturopathic formulary that lists the vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, hormones, and those legend drugs and controlled substances consistent with naturopathic medical practice that naturopathic physicians are able to prescribe, administer, and dispense. The HSNP believes the Board has the expertise to independently determine the naturopathic formulary that is consistent with what naturopathic physicians are taught in naturopathic medical schools and at the same time, protect the public.

The HSNP's also requests a **change of the effective date to July 1, 2009**. RICO's draft testimony for this hearing recommends that a staggered effective date be implemented.

HSNP believes this is not necessary. RICO and the HSNP have had ongoing productive dialogue since the Senate Health hearing but were unable to continue discussion regarding the recommended staggered effective date due to the time constraints/unavailability imposed by the weekend. HSNP believes RICO interpreted the proposed amendment language of HRS section 455- 6(7) “allows the Board to establish and publish a naturopathic formulary that has been approved by the board that may be prescribed, administered, or dispensed by naturopathic doctors;...” to preclude naturopathic doctors from utilizing any formulary or medicines in the treatment of disease. Naturopathic doctors currently use vitamins, minerals, amino acids fatty acids, dietary supplements, botanical medicines and homeopathic medicines to treat and prevent disease. These are non-prescriptive substances, with the exception of a limited number of vitamins and amino acids, and are therefore not at risk of being outside our scope of practice until a published list is adopted by the Board. Naturopathic doctors diagnose and treat disease as primary care physicians. Our ability to do so will not change from its current standing, but will only be enhanced as the Board establishes an updated formulary which reflects modern naturopathic standards of treatment and care.

**III. HSNP’s response to the Hawaii Medical Association’s (HMA) late SB420 testimony** submitted to the Senate Health Committee is presented here. As physicians, we all 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 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. This late testimony of the HMA 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 "turf war" that the HMA wants to engage in as 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 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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aloha,

i am writting in re: to measure SB420SD1, hearing set for March 3, 2009 at 9:30 am.

i am writting to express my sincere appreciation and support for natuopathic medicine. over the years i have personally experienced positive results while under the care of a naturopathic physician and witnessed several of my friends and family members do the same. i think the individuals of hawaii and the state as a whole would greatly benefit this bill.

thank you for your consideration.  
abigail hummel

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Please support passage of this bill. I have been a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for over 10 years, and have benefitted greatly from Naturopathic medicine. I believe it would be a great service to our community to allow Naturopathic physicians like Dr. Steelsmith to be able to practice using the full range of their training and skills.

Thank you,  
Allaine Kelly

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

I am writing to strongly urge your support for S.B. 420, S.D.1

I am currently a resident of Hawaii and have been back to my home here in Waimanalo for the last twenty years.

My family and I are patients of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, a naturopathic physician, practicing here in Honolulu. She has provided outstanding naturopathic care for my entire family.

Unfortunately Hawaii's Naturopathic law does not allow my medical insurance to reimburse me for much needed medical care.

Naturopathic physicians are an integral part of our nation's health care system. A comprehensive law allowing medical care by these highly trained medical professionals will significantly enhance health care here in Hawaii.

President Obama and his current administration have made Health Care a priority in healing America and returning our nation to the world's leader in the care of it's citizens.

Hawaii will always be my home, not for its natural beauty but mainly for the people that make up this great state.

Collectively you, our state senators and representatives set the standards for our lives here in Hawaii. Please allow us to have the ability to choose our health care professionals and give us a mechanism to pay for these services.

Aloha,

Al Joaquin  
Special Agent in Charge  
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February 27, 2009

**RE: Support of Bill SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii**

Dear Senators David Y. Ige and Rosalyn H. Baker,

I am writing to you in support of bill SB 420 SD1 relating to Naturopathic Medicine. I am a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and me and my family have seen her for over 10 years for our naturopathic medical care. It is my understanding that naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools but are not able to practice their full scope of medical skills in Hawaii. It is time to modernize the Hawaii State naturopathic law which has not been revised in 20 years.

As a patient of Dr. Steelsmith I have been treated for a wide variety of conditions which has brought me to a higher state of health and wellness. Please pass this bill as I know passing it will give naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to better serve the people of Hawaii.

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 healthcare 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.

Kindest Regards,

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> RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

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> Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

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> I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of  
Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr.  
Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a  
result we have significantly improved our health.

> 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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and 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.

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> 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:

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

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

> Sincerely yours,

Alea Schechter

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February 26, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

As a longtime Hawaii resident I very strongly support Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine in Hawaii. Naturopathic physicians are by far the most highly trained preventive medicine experts, but in Hawaii they cannot yet practice according to the full scope of their medical training. Many other states have passed measures that allow naturopathic physicians a much broader scope of practice than they currently have in Hawaii. In order for our state to attract more top-quality naturopathic physicians, we very much need to update our naturopathic law - especially given the current economic climate, with many physicians leaving the state. 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. By supporting measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 you will greatly increase the quality of healthcare in our state.

Many thanks for reading this letter, and for giving this bill your consideration.

Aloha,  
Alex Steelsmith

**Eric Arquero**

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**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of well respected and established naturopathic doctors on Kauai, my health has greatly improved as a result of their care.

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.1 will give 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 Hawaii'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,

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**Subject:** Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
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Alyssa Moreau  
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February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly **urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1** as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health.

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.

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

Aloha,

Alyssa Moreau



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Ann Dewey [deweybeach@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 1:30 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1

This letter is in support of S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1, relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Feb. 28, 2009

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident, a concerned citizen, and a user of Naturopathic Medicine in addition to traditional medicine for myself and my family. I strongly urge your support of Measure S. B. 420, S. D. 1 as it relates to Naturopathic Medicine. My daughters and I are currently under the care of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, as an adjunct to our traditional doctors.

We see Dr. Laurie Steelsmith because she treats the whole person, not just the symptoms of disease. She is an excellent doctor very knowledgeable in nutrition and wellness and hence in the prevention of disease. We do not believe that the pharmacological treatments (drugs) given by traditional doctors should be the only way to treat illness. Dr. Steelsmith spends extensive time getting to know the whole person, treating the whole person, and getting to the underlying causes of the disease. She is a firm believer in educating the patient in disease prevention and using diet, exercise, stress reduction, and the like to improve the patient's well being. We are very satisfied with her care and believe that this bill will enable naturopathic doctors to have a wider scope of practice and will enable Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors to more effectively serve the people of our state.

Naturopathic doctors are most highly trained in preventive medicine and are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii while decreasing the long-term financial burden of healthcare costs.

Prevention and education are much more cost effective than treating an advanced disease with high cost western medicine "cures".

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** A MCLAREN [anniemckitty@hawaiiantel.net]  
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**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Ann McLaren  
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February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
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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,  
Ann McLaren

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**From:** Anne Wheelock [anne.wheelock@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:05 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Bill No. 420, S.D.1.

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

Sincerely,

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**To:** CPN Testimony  
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Aric Arakaki  
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March 1, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

Aric Arakaki

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Barbara Durden [bdurden@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:57 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

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February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,

Barbara Q. Durden

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**From:** Barbara Ritchie [blritchie@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 3:01 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. 420, SD 1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

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February 28, 2009

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Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony for this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely yours,  
Barbara L. Ritchie

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# Bert A. Kobayashi

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## **BILL SB 420 SD1**

February 27, 2009

### **RE: Support of Bill SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii**

Dear Senators David Y. Ige and Rosalyn H. Baker,

I am writing to you in support of **Bill SB 420 SD1** relating to Naturopathic Medicine. I am a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith; my family and I have seen her for over 10 years for our naturopathic medical care. It is my understanding that naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools but are not able to practice their full scope of medical skills in Hawaii. It is time to modernize the Hawaii State naturopathic law which has not been revised in 20 years.

As a patient of Dr. Steelsmith I have been treated for a wide variety of conditions which has brought me to a higher state of health and wellness. Please pass this bill as I know passing it will give naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to better serve the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Bessie Estonactoc [besto@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:05 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony

Bessie Estonactoc

February 28, 2009

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

Sincerely yours,

Bessie Estonactoc

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**From:** Bonnie Chan [b\_chan@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:32 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420

Bonnie Chan  
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February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,

Bonnie Chan

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**From:** Dulcinea Bosio [dulcinea@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:07 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dulcinea Bosio, Lillian Bosio, Alfred Bosio  
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Honolulu, Hi 96815

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**Sincerely yours,**

Dulcinea Bosio, L.Ac., Alfred Bosio, Lillian Bosio

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Brenda C. Lovette, Psy.D. [lovetteb@lokahiconsulting.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 10:53 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

**Brenda Lovette, Psy.D**  
**41-582 Inoaole St.**  
**Waimanalo, HI 96795**

March 1, 2009

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Sincerely yours,  
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**Eric Arquero**

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:10 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420 - Naturopathic Medicine

From: Candace Freeland, Kauai resident

February 28, 2009

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**From:** Alan Ewell [ewell@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:35 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

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February 28, 2009

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

Sincerely yours,  
Candy Ewell

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Etcherette [etcherette@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:08 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure S. B No. 420, S. D. 1

Carol Collette  
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Honolulu, HI 96825

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

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

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Sincerely yours,

Carol Collette

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Bebekalola@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 1:29 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii.....

Carol Viquelia  
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Honolulu, Hi 96825  
February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours, Carol Viquelia

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**From:** Carrie Brennan [carriebrennan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 2:04 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420: March 3, 2008 at 9:30 am: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

> From: [joanconrow@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:joanconrow@hawaiiantel.net)  
> Subject: SB420: Feb. 11, 2008 at 3 pm Senate Health Committee.  
> Date: Tue, 10 Feb 2009 19:03:55 -1000  
> To: [HTHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HTHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)  
>  
> Dear Senators:  
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> I strongly urge you to approve Senate Bill 420, which would serve to  
> recognize the valuable medical services that naturopaths provide in  
> Hawaii.  
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> I've received extremely good health care from the two naturopaths  
> I've seen on Kauai and view them my primary care providers. It would  
> be very helpful if they could provide a fuller range of health  
> services so I don't have to spend time and money seeing a medical  
> doctor as well.  
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> Naturopaths are highly trained and skilled practitioners, and they  
> bring a humanity to their practice that isn't always found in medical  
> doctors. They provide an important form of health care for our  
> community and deserve our appreciation and support.  
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> Please give this bill your support.  
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> Thank you.  
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**From:** Kathie Andre [kathieandre@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Katherine E. Andre  
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March 1, 2009

### **RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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

Sincerely yours,

Katherine E. Andre



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Christie Adams [christieadams.hawaii@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:09 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY--In support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 (hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, 9:30 a.m.)

**Importance:** High

February 28, 2009

**Re: In support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

As a fifth-generation Oahu resident who has lived on this island for more than 50 years, as a concerned taxpayer and registered voter here of decades, and as a strong proponent of the availability of excellent health care for all residents of Hawaii, I strongly urge you to support Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, a naturopathic physician and author of a comprehensive book about women's health, I have been very impressed with Dr. Steelsmith's knowledge of health symptoms and her ability to treat them naturopathically. In particular, Dr. Steelsmith was able to help me greatly improve a physical condition that my regular medical doctor (MD) could not fix over a period of more than four years. My allopathic physician, a medical doctor (M.D.) at my health maintenance organization (HMO), diagnosed me with hypothyroidism about five years ago and then treated me for about four years with only Levothyroxine. However, I still did not feel well and told her of my continued symptoms. She did nothing further to improve my health. Ironically, to treat a physical condition of the body, my regular MD offered me antidepressants on three separate occasions, but I refused them each time because I did not feel depressed. Feeling very frustrated, out of desperation to get some relief from the fatigue I was feeling, I finally went to see a naturopathic physician for the first time in my life. It was Dr. Laurie Steelsmith. I described my physical symptoms to her and she suspected immediately, based on many similar case histories, that my physical problem was my body's inability to convert T4 to T3. My regular MD at my HMO never even tested me for T3 in more than four years! I believe she was clueless about the source of the problem! I am now taking T3 supplementation and am feeling much better.

This experience opened up my world to naturopathic medicine. For your reference, naturopathic physicians have received extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools (for information regarding this training, please visit <http://www.naturopathic.org/viewbulletin.php?id=29>). Nevertheless, in Hawaii, naturopathic physicians have minimal insurance coverage and are unable to practice their full scope of medical skills. I strongly believe the time has come to update the Hawaii State naturopathic law, which has not been revised in 20 years. The passage of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 will allow naturopathic doctors in Hawaii, such as Dr. Steelsmith, a greater scope of practice. This, in turn, will enable the people of Hawaii to receive a wider range of health and medical care.

Furthermore, with many physicians currently leaving our state and with many types of doctors overwhelmed by patient demand, it is often difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care, let alone receive care for

and treatment of diseases and serious illnesses. With the alarming deficit of medical practitioners in Hawaii at this time, it is imperative that our state government take proactive measures to help correct this unacceptable situation.

Additionally, naturopathic physicians, as general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, play an extremely significant role in our state's healthcare system. If our state government allows naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training, the people of Hawaii will benefit greatly from an increasing availability of health care and medical services. Additionally, because naturopathic physicians are highly trained in preventive medicine (not just in treating disease that already has attacked the body), they are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawaii. Naturopathic doctors can help keep people healthy and can help prevent people from becoming ill. By keeping people healthy and by minimizing disease, naturopathic doctors not only can help prevent the pain of illness and the ultimate loss of life, but they can help our state decrease its overall medical expenses. And, especially in this economy, wouldn't that be nice!

Considering the above, I urge you to vote in favor of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1.

Thank you very much for your interest and consideration. I look forward to the passage of this bill and to the positive results it will bring to the people of Hawaii and to our state budget.

Sincerely,  
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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** christine tabora [xtinetabora@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:59 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 420 S D 1, Hearing on Tuesday March 3 2009 at 9:30 am

Christine Tabora  
February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of this bill.  
Sincerely yours, Christine Tabora

Eric Arquero

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**From:** colette perreault [perreaulc002@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 8:57 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony

Colette Perreault, LCSW  
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February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned health care recipient, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As an advocate and patient of naturopathic medical care, I have significantly improved my health over the years and I wholeheartedly believe in its benefits.

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

Sincerely yours,

Colette Perreault

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** CoCo Mills [cocooffer@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 3:00 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420

Corinne Mills  
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96816

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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

Sincerely yours,

Corinne Mills

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**From:** Dana Ritchie Fujikake [drfujikake@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 8:36 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Aloha, Senator Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection!

Dana Ritchie Fujikake  
2333 Kapiolani Boulevard, Apartment #2012  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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

Sincerely yours,

Dana

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Charlene T. Davé [xibitint@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 6:31 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure S.B. No 420,S.D.1

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Dave'  
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Kapolei, HI 96707

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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

Sincerely yours,

Charlene & Robert Dave'

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 9:22 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 420

March 1, 2009

**FR:** Deborah Dunn

**TO:** Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Senator David Y. Ige  
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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Given that naturopathic physicians are highly trained in preventive medicine, they can 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:

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

With aloha,

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Audrey & Rudy Decker-Boznak [robinstone@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:35 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Decker-Boznak request

February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Denise JG [danceonhi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:58 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Denise J Grayzell  
PO Box 894123  
Mililani, HI 96789

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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Sincerely yours,

Denise Grayzell

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** dennis suyeoka [coffeeline@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 9:02 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

I support S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 for it's innovative inclusion in Hawaii's arsenal of medical practices. Disease prevention is a core element of naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic medicine is a preemptive approach to avoid health problems associated with unhealthy lifestyles. S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 is a good fit for Hawaii's worldwide reputation as a place where people are active and healthy. This legislation would secure Hawaii's leading role as a place for recovery and wellness. Any effort to promote Hawaii's health care industry and our state as a health care resort destination would not be complete without your passage of this legislation.

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Diana Hirsch [dhirsch@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:41 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)  
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February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,  
Mahalo,

Diana Hirsch



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**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Diana Joy Ostroff [dr.joy@naturalhealinginhawaii.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 8:30 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: SB420.doc

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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

For a hearing scheduled Wednesday February 11, 2009 at 3:00pm

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Honorable Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

Re: SB420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

February 11, 2009

Dear Senators Ige, Green 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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**From:** Donnalene Sing [donnalenes@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:31 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Donnalene Sing  
POB 10305  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
(808) 734-6013

February 28, 2009

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

Sincerely yours,  
Donnalene Sing

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** E. Mitchell [aemlists@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 12:03 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** naturopathic medicine

March 2, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Jack Burke. I have seen him for naturopathic medical care for 10 years, and as a result he has helped me with my health many times. 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.1 will give Dr. Burke and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Mitchell

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**From:** Elaine Shoemaker [laine@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:59 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Elaine Shoemaker  
9 Hale Makai Pl.  
Lahaina, HI 96761

February 28, 2009

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**From:** Ellen [gilliae001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 8:27 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure SB. No 420 relating to Naturopathic Medicing in Hawaii

RE Measure SB No 420 SDI in relation to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Hawaii resident, born and raised here. For many years I have jumped around from medical doctor to doctor to find a cure for my ailments. My Naturopathic Doc, Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, has helped me out tremendously in the past years. In the past year, we hit a bump in the road and was unable to treat my condition. I do believe this is because Dr. Steelsmith's scope of practice here in Hawaii is limited.

I traveled to San Francisco, CA to seek medical attention. He was able to administer a DMPS test for heavy metal toxicity. Dr. Steelsmith is unable to provide this test because she is not able to give "shots." I had to pay for travel and lodging, out of state MD fees, non covered internist fees for phone consults, shipping on supplement orders, etc. If Dr. Steelsmith was able to provide this service, I would not have to pay the extra expense.

Please consider passing this bill so that Dr. Steelsmith and other NDs may treat their patients.

Ellen M. Gillia

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**From:** Annie White [alamoanaannie@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:28 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Cc:** alamoanaannie@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Support for Naturopathic Bill

From  
Emily White  
545 Queen ST/648  
Honolulu,Hawaii 96813  
February 28, 2009  
RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of this bill.

Sincerely yours,  
Emily Ann White



**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Erica Rainhart [erica@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 1:40 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** support S.B. No. 420,SD1

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Sincerely yours,  
Erica Rainhart

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**From:** F. Gin [fabegin@me.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 11:51 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure S.B. No. 420

Fabriann Gin  
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February 28, 2009

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Gerilee Sato [Gerilee.Sato@macys.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 9:05 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

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Sincerely yours,

Gerilee Sato  
1255 Nuuanu Ave 2905  
Honolulu, HI 96817

Re: SB420, SD1, Relating to Naturopathy; CPN hearing on Tuesday, 3/3/09;  
9:30 AM, conference room 229.

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator David Ige, Vice Chair  
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

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

Date: March 3, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420, SD1, Relating to Naturopathy

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

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Heather Sandison [hmalia@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 1:22 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Heather Sandison  
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Halewila, HI 96712

February 28, 2009

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

Sincerely yours,  
Heather Sandison

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Helen Leialoha [hleialoha@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 1:35 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** measure sb no 420, naturopathic medicine

**Helen Leialoha**  
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**Kailua Kona HI 96740**

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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Sincerely yours,  
Helen Leialoha  
Donna Leialoha  
Greta Williams  
Sarah Williams  
Joyce Schiffer

Board Of Directors



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Holly\_Soria/KAIMUKH/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 2:46 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 420 Support  
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February 28, 2009

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Best regards,  
Holly Soria

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Re: SB420, SD1, Relating to Naturopathy; CPN hearing on Tuesday, 3/3/09;  
9:30 AM, conference room 229.

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator David Ige, Vice Chair  
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

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

Date: March 3, 2009

Subject: Support of SB420, SD1, Relating to Naturopathy

My name is T.N. Jade Tran, M.D., working for the State Department of Health. I am writing in **SUPPORT OF SB420 SD1**, 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.

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Jane Chu [janechu@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 6:34 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support measure for Naturopathic Medicine

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

Sincerely yours,  
Jane Chu

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**From:** Janet Williams-Reyes [janet@janetreyescpa.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 11:58 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

February 28, 2009

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**From:** Janice Naga [janicenaga@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 7:27 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Cc:** info@naturalchoicesforwomen.com  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a lifelong Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, I continue to see her for naturopathic medical care.

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Sincerely yours,

Janice Nagamine  
bus ph: 541-1284

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** jtully [jtully001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 10:13 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Janine Tully

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

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I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. In two weeks, I will join as a new patient, the hundreds of patients that see Dr. Steelsmith seeking a more natural (and alternative) form of medicine.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Janine Tully  
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** herring.jennifer@gmail.com on behalf of Jennifer Herring [herring@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:00 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dr. Jennifer Herring  
Dr. Robin Durnin  
45-995 Waialele Rd. #77  
Kaneohe HI 96744

February 28, 2009

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Dr. Jennifer Herring  
Dr. Robin Durnin



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**From:** Jennifer [makaniula@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 6:14 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

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Jennifer K. Olson

February 28, 2009

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

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

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I cannot emphasize highly enough the need for support of this bill for Hawaii. It is time that Hawaii offer its residents the right to choose and that Hawaii recognize the benefits of Naturopathic Medicine and Naturopathic Doctors.

It is time for Naturopathic Physicians to have the insurance coverage that is equal to traditional physicians.

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

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer K. Olson  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

**ELAINE JEW  
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**February 28, 2009**

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Senator David Y. Ige  
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce  
and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Senate

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as it relates to naturopathic medicine. We are patients of Dr.

Laurie Steelsmith for approximately three years. We have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health. Prior to becoming patients of Dr. Steelsmith, we also were patients of Dr. Jack Burk in Waimanalo. Dr. Burk also afforded us excellent naturopathic care.

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It is our belief that there is also a need for alternative health care and naturopathic medical care can fill part of the existing health care gap.

With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state, some have left the medical profession altogether. Healthcare premiums are steadily increasing, however, patient care has been diminishing. There is a viable need for quality health care. 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.

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

Very truly yours,

/s/ Elaine Jew

/s/ Mae Y.H. Lock

Jack Burke, ND  
41-044 Aloiloi Street  
Waimanalo, Hawaii, 96795

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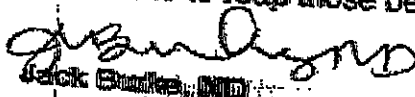
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 420 S.D. 1

To: THE HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, AND TO THE HONORABLE  
DAVID Y. IGE, VICE-CHAIR:

I am Jack Burke, ND, Past President of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians, and former Chairman of the Hawai'i Board of Naturopathic Examiners. I am testifying in support of SB420. I ask for your support of this bill for the following reasons: Our country is truly facing a crisis in health care. Contrary to what some say, this is not solely due to malpractice insurance, nor low reimbursements. Although these are important considerations, there is a deeper issue. Not only are there fewer and fewer family practice physicians, but the model that is being employed by mainstream medical physicians is reactive rather than proactive. Naturopathic Physicians are trained to empower patients to enact the lifestyle changes which have been clearly shown to avert chronic, debilitating and expensive illnesses. We are taught not to just suppress symptoms, but to see them of signs of imbalance in the body, and in the everyday choices which people make in their life. Patients are hungry for this information - they come in and ask "what can I do ", and they don't want to just hear "take a pill."

This bill will enable Naturopathic Physicians to practice more effectively, and to utilize the skills which they have been taught. Several years ago, for instance, I had a patient with neurological problems related to lead toxicity. I called a well known hematologist about chelating the lead out. He was aware that this was the correct treatment, but he was forced to tell me that no MDs performed this treatment. Without a naturopathic physician, this patient would have continued to suffer from brain poisoning. There are many patients who suffer needlessly because Naturopathic Physicians have not been allowed to practice a full scope of practice. Alan Gaby, MD a famous holistic MD has stated that every Naturopathic Physician in practice saves the community \$2,000,000 annually. Isn't it time to reap those benefits fully? Please support this bill.

  
Jack Burke, ND

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** jill jameson [jillejameson8@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 11:50 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** I Love Naturphatic Doctors!

Aloha, I am a 71 year old senior lady, and I love my naturpathic doctor that has helped me immensely with my Bioidentical Hormone Replacement Therapy and it is all natural, plantbased from wild yam extract and soy formulated especially for me in a bioidentical lab and augments my natural existing hormones....and I am telling you, my cholesterol went down 55 points to 170 and also this therapy helps me with heart and cancer protection, bone protection and helps the mind against alzheimers, and its good for libedo, I do not want to end up in a nursing home, but through this wonderful natural therapy it keeps women and men healthier, and think of the money the state could save to have this accessible! Jill Jameson (808) 536-5125 1326 Piikoi St.Apt.701, Hono 96814 Mahalo Plenty!!



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Jo Chung [jochung@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 8:45 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: SB420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

I support this bill. Having had the care of several Naturopathic physicians, I appreciate their skills and training. This bill will clarify their practice and provide some of the tools they should have in order to best serve Hawaii's people.

Thank you,

Johanna Chung  
44-006 Nohokai Place  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Jocelyn Fujii [jocelyn.fujii@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 11:13 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** support for SB NO. 420, S.D1, relating to naturopathic medicine

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

As a passionate believer in integrative and preventive medicine, I'm writing in support of S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii. Clearly it's time to give naturopathic medicine the support it deserves, and which we so desperately need.

My father was a physician on Kaua'i in the days before cell phones and Physicians Exchange. He made house calls all over the island and never charged those who couldn't afford care. Those days are gone, of course, and so is the kind of medical care that treats the patient as a complete and whole human being. While specialization is necessary, we still have a need to be assessed, considered, and treated as whole, functioning organisms rather than just a conglomeration of discrete parts.

I feel that naturopathy is the closest thing we have to this kind of care. Greater support of naturopathic medicine will help reduce health costs because it is preventive by nature. Naturopathic physicians are rigorously trained, and it's time for them to be considered and included in our mainstream health care system.

With so many physicians leaving Hawai'i, it's often difficult to get appointments, even for acute conditions. Many physicians are no longer taking new patients. By passing this bill, you will be giving the residents of Hawai'i a wonderful new opportunity to improve their health, decrease the over-all health burdens of the state, and elevate the quality of their lives.

Thank you,  
Jocelyn Fujii  
1615 Wilder Ave., Apt. 606  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
8808-947-6470

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** joe kassel [drjoe@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Cc:** doctorshanon@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** SB420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine 03/03/09 9:30 a.m.

My name is Dr. Joseph Kassel, N.D., L.Ac.. I have worked in health care since earning my nursing degree with honors in 1979. I have worked as a Naturopath and Acupuncturist since earning those degrees with honors in 1988. I served on the Oregon Board of Naturopathic examiners in the mid 1990's. I have lived and provided primary affordable health care in Kona since 2002.

I am testifying in favor of passage of SB420. When I sat on the Naturopathic Board in Oregon, we went through a similar process in which we modernized our administrative rules to reflect current education and common practice of Naturopathic Physicians. At that time I actually held a fairly conservative position, concerned that some of these changes could distract our profession from its fundamental roots. While this may occasionally be true, what the changes did for the rest of us was simply allow us to provide optimal therapies for patients expeditiously and cost effectively.

While I have a strong commitment to traditional Naturopathic modalities, there is not a week that goes by in which a modern modality could not complement the therapies that I provide to a patient. For many of my patients, my limited scope of practice results in their not acquiring that additional treatment, usually for financial reasons.

We live in a time when we are confronted with rising health care costs. One means of reducing these costs is to prevent redundant office visits to a second practitioner for the same condition. I have committed my career to providing accessible health care. Our current Naturopathic law is on occasion an obstacle to being able to do this and unfortunately sometimes prevents the provision of optimal care.

Clearly the passage of this bill will require an enormous amount of work for the Naturopathic Board to implement responsibly. I have little doubt that they will have the support of local and national authorities to carry this out. The vast majority, if not all other states licensing Naturopaths have laws similar to SB420. I hope you will seriously consider its passage, so that we can better care for those who seek our help.

Sincerely,

Joseph Kassel, N.D., L.Ac.

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** joy blais [joyblais@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:04 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Aloha,

I am writing to express my support of SB420 which would change the current laws regarding the ability of naturopathic doctors to practice to the full extent of their training. Please pass this bill and bring Hawaii up to the same standards held by many other states.

Sincerely,

Joy Blais

Joy Blais  
P.O. Box 131  
Honokaa, HI 96727

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Joycwong@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 12:54 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support Bill S.B.No. 420, SD1 Relating to Naturapathic Medicine in Hawaii

I support and recommend the above bill. I use and believe in Natuapathic Medicine. In Hawaii, we would like to have more natural choices to care for ourselves. We believe in natural health methods.

I am a cancer survivor of 12 years, and attribute my good health to natural remedies, advice and holistic methods of care. At times, this can be an difficult economic hardship, and I would greatly appreciate having insurance assistance. It can make a difference in my quality of life.

Mahalo for your serious consideration. Joyce Wong, RNC, CPON, CHTP, LMT

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February 28, 2009  
Joyal K. Kihara  
45-407 Kuaua Way  
Kaneohe, Hi. 96744

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a proponent of naturopathic medicine, my family and I have seen naturopaths for medical care and as a result, we have significantly improved our health.

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.1 will give 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.

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

Sincerely yours,

Joyal K. Kihara

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Judy A Daniels [judydaniels@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:11 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident of 19 years and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and Dr. Jack Burke , my families health has significantly improved.

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.1 will give naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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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.

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Dr. Judy Daniels,  
Professor

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Karen Kathleen Speedy Altergott [speedyaltergott@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 9:53 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, March 3, 9:30am

Please support this and bring Naturopathic medicine up to snuff. Thanks



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Karen Oliveira [koliveir2005@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 11:06 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Karen Oliveira-Spofford  
95-206 Kahele Place  
Mililani, HI 96789

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

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I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health.

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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and 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.

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

Sincerely yours,

Karen Oliveira-Spofford

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Karla Timon [kktimon@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:31 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. Dr Steelsmith has been a lifesaver to me and my family. Without her care I don't know how many more test and fruitless exams I would have had to go through not to mention costly medication to find a simple adrenal deficiency. Naturopathic and Preventive medicine is the wave of the future for a healthier, happier Hawaii. I'm evidences of that.

Thank you  
Karla Timon

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** fayk001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 3:21 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony

Kathy Fay  
358G Kaelepulu Dr.  
Kailua, HI 96734

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a 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  
358G Kaelepulu Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Kathy Offley [bobkathy@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 10:06 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420SD1

I want to just voice my opinion on Bill SB420SD1. I feel that the health care system in Hawaii needs to be really addressed and if we can have more emphasis put on prevention, wellness and natural treatments then I feel that we should do all we can to help push it through our government. Expanding the law can only be a win win situation for all of us. Please take this into consideration when voting for this bill.

Date and time of hearing March 3, 2009 9:30 AM

Sincerely,  
Kathy Offley

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** kay zane [kazuzane@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 9:36 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health. 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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and 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.

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

Kay Zane

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Kerry Lum [lumk808@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 8:43 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Kerry Lum  
826 Wanaao Road  
Kailua, HI 96734  
(808) 262-1304

March 2, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved my health.

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

Sincerely yours,

Kerry Lum

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** L Balderas [llanib@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:31 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S. B. No.. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result have improved my health as well as my awareness of preventive medicine and care. Naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our health care system as they are highly trained and qualified in preventive medicine.

Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice and increase the quality of health care and effectively serve the people of Hawaii.



**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Lani Yamasaki [lycd@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 12:27 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Lani Yamasaki  
P.O. Box 222  
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

March 1, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Lani Yamasaki

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Laura Lee Suyetsugu [ok2pray@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 6:27 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Laura Lee Suyetsugu  
58-025 Maika Place  
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

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

Sincerely yours,

Laura Lee Suyetsugu

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Laura Wittig [lwittig@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 12:31 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Fw: S.B. No. 420 SD1

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Laura Wittig](#)  
**To:** [CPNTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:CPNTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 9:33 PM  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420 SD1

March 1, 2009  
Laura Wittig  
[lwittig@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lwittig@hawaii.rr.com)

RE: Support of Measure S. B. No. 420 S. D. 1  
Related to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing  
scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige and  
other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S. B. No. 420, S. D. 1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, I have seen her for naturopathic medicine care, and as a result I have experienced significant improvement of my Menieres. When solutions were running out from "traditional" medical physicians, a friend suggested that I try seeing what naturopathic medicine could do. I never had such a thorough initial questionnaire about my health and evaluation by a physician until I met Dr. Steelsmith. In dealing with my Menieres that thankfully comes and goes for periods at a time, Dr. Steelsmith has helped me improved through diet, acupuncture and natural herbal medicine. I was fortunate that I was in a position to pay for all the expenses. However, there are so many other people that need this type of medical care, but can't afford it. Your support of this bill will allow them to get the help they need. Please help!

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Natural Choices for Women [info@naturalchoicesforwomen.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 1:43 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** testimony for bill SB 420 S1

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

438 Hobron Lane, Suite V-6

Honolulu, HI 96815

February 26, 2009

### **RE: Support of SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii**

Dear Senators David Y. Ige and Rosalyn H. Baker,

I am writing to you in support of SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine. I am a licensed naturopathic doctor and I have been in practice for 15 years in the state of Hawaii. I also hold a Washington state license as a naturopathic physician. It is time to update our naturopathic law in the state of Hawaii so that naturopathic physicians can better serve their patients.

In Hawaii I practice with my hands tied behind my back because our law does not allow us to practice within the full scope of our training. In contrast, in Washington State I have the ability to prescribe numerous prescription only pharmaceuticals, and I am allowed to administer intramuscular, subcutaneous and intravenous therapies. I do work closely with medical doctors here in Hawaii however, they are often so busy that my patients have difficulty getting in to see them. With the modernization of our law, naturopathic doctors will be able to better serve the people of Hawaii.

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

With Aloha,

Dr. Laurie Steelsmith

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Charlie & Layne Soon [haleola@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 2:52 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

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

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii**  
**(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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

Sincerely yours,  
Layne Soon

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** QuarbergL@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:05 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Linda Quarberg  
PO Box 583  
Volcano, HI 96785

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a past patient of doctors such as Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, I have seen them for naturopathic medical care, and as a result I have significantly improved my health.

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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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Sincerely yours,  
Linda Quarberg

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Linda Spadaro  
4734 Aukai Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,

Linda Spadaro

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Liz Hewson [lhewson@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:23 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

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Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I have been a Hawaii resident and was fortunate enough to have been a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith for naturopathic medical care resulting in significantly improved health. As such I am writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

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Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Hewson  
(Resident British Columbia Canada)

*"Life may not be the party we hoped for,  
but while we are here we might as well dance.  
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in the bitter and the sweet.  
There is a divine purpose behind everything  
and therefore a divine presence in everything" Anonymous*

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Liz Rizzo [lizrizzo@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:13 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Please support this bill

Liz Rizzo  
348 Kaelepulu Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734

February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,  
Liz Rizzo-Dubois

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Lizabeth Kashinsky [horsemedicine@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 6:48 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Lizabeth Kashinsky  
2351 A Pauoa Rd  
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
(Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a long term Hawaii resident, taxpayer, registered voter, and a concerned citizen. I writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, I have seen her for naturopathic medical care and it has significantly improved my health.

Having to live on a biologist's salary, I have sacrificed much financially to see a naturopathic physician, but I feel that my health is important enough to make that sacrifice in spite of the great financial burden of having to pay out of pocket since my medical insurance does not cover the costs.

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Sincerely yours,

Lizabeth Kashinsky

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Louisa (Lu) DiGrazia [yogakailua@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:20 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support SB No 420

Louisa DiGrazia  
326 Lala Place  
February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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

Sincerely yours,  
L. DiGrazia



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Lynn Garcia [lynnogarcia@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 10:19 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

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Thank you,

Lynn Garcia

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Mare Grace [maregrace9@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 10:32 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Mare Grace  
P.O. box 122k  
Kamuela, HI 96743

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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Thank you,

Mare Grace  
P.O. Box 1229  
Kamuela, HI 96743  
808-885-8559  
<[maregrace9@yahoo.com](mailto:maregrace9@yahoo.com)>

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Ken N [kansai47@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 2:39 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 420

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

February 28, 2009

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

Sincerely yours,

Mari Nakamura  
1553 Haku St  
Honolulu HI 96819

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Marian Tompkins [mariantompkins@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 12:59 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Bill

I would like to let you know I believe in naturopathic medicine and would like to offer my support of the bill. It could be a big help in alleviating the shortage of healthcare physicians in Hawaii.

Marian Tompkins

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Marie [msode@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:14 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. 420, S.D. 1

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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Marie Sode  
369 Kaimake Lp  
Kailua, HI 96734

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** m a r i l e t [marilet@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 9:49 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 on Naturopathic Medicine in HI

Marilet A. Zablan  
PO Box 981  
Honolulu HI 96808

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

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

Sincerely yours,

Marilet A. Zablan

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Melissa Barker [wyliemae@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 10:10 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420SD1

Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Affairs State of Hawaii

Honorable Members,

I am writing to respectfully request that you pass Senate Bill 420 which supports naturopathic medicine in the state of Hawaii. My family has used naturopathic physicians and feel they are a vital component of our health practices to be used along with our standard medical doctors.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of SB420.

Aloha,

Melissa Barker  
Kapa`a, Kauai

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Melissa Belanger [mbelanger@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 7:29 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Naturopathic Medicine

Melissa Lee Belanger  
203 Ilihaui St  
Kailua, HI 96734

February 28, 2009

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I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. I am acquainted with the work of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and other naturopaths. As a result of naturopathic medical care, my family and I have significantly improved our health.

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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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Sincerely yours,

Melissa Lee Belanger



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Melissa Lindsay [MLindsay@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:15 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

**From Melissa Lindsay, PsyD**

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a Hawaii licensed psychologist who works extensively with people who have related health and mental health issues, I have worked with Dr. Laurie Steelsmith and other naturopaths, and I have consistently found that my patients have improved not only in their health but also in their ability to take responsibility for their overall health. Personally, as a patient of Dr. Steelsmith, I have found her to be very knowledgeable, caring, respectful and educational, all qualities which contribute to the health and healing of patients.

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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

I have also spoken at length with Dr. Sarah Strong located in Puna, who offers general primary care but cannot accept insurance. There are many people who would benefit from her services but who cannot afford them. Practitioners such as Dr. Strong who practice in rural areas would be able to contribute much more to the health of the people in their area if they were able to practice to the full scope of their training. 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. Further, as you may well be aware of, many doctors are now refusing to accept patients who have Medicaid, further reducing the availability of healthcare for this population. Allowing naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training will greatly increase the availability and quality of healthcare available to the people of this state.

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Michaela Gillan [mgillan5@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 5:43 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Michaela Gillan  
February 28, 2009

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Dr Mitzi Gold [drmitzigold@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 4:20 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii  
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**From:** Mitzi Gold Ph.D., LCSW-LSW, MPH

February 28, 2009

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**From:** M. Bailey [moonabeama@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:19 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Naturopathic Medicine Measure  
**Attachments:** stat1634.jpg

Mona Bailey  
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**From:** Michael Moreland [mikendenise@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 2:42 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Cc:** Denise Moreland  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Michael and Denise Moreland  
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**From:** The Nakazawas [the.nakazawas@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:07 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Bill on Naturopathic Medicine

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February 28, 2009

Aloha Senator Rosalyn H. bake, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Kauai, Hawaii resident and we are very concerned citizens, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S. B. No. 420, S.D. 1 at it relates to naturopathic medicine. Myself and my daughter are both patients of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, and have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we both have significantly improved in our health. Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training and 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. 1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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Thank your for your consideration. We are looking forward to hearing of the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Nakazawa  
Liana Nakazawa

February 10, 2009

To: Senate Health Committee, Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair David Ige

Re: SB420, SD1, Relating to Naturopathy; hearing on Tuesday March 3, 2009, 0930 conference room 229.

My name is Nan Holmes, **I support passage of SB420, SD1.** 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



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** AlohaNancy57@aol.com  
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**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** (no subject)

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From: AlohaNancy57  
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Sent: 2/28/2009 6:16:32 A.M. Hawaiian Standard Time  
Subj: (no subject)

Nancy McMahon  
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Sincerely yours,  
Nancy McMahon

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**From:** Naomi Olson [naocreative@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:39 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Measure S.B. #420, S.D.1

**Naomi Olson**

**PO Box 61084 Honolulu, HI.96839**

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Naomi Olson

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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Nat [nat@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 8:57 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: SB420SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine Tuesday, March 03, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 229

**Dr. Nathan Ehrlich, N.D.**

PO Box 756 Makawao, HI 96768

(808) 572-1388 fax 572-1389

February 10th, 2009

THE SENATE  
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Re: SB420SD1 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.

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** noreencon@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:48 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony

Noreen Conlin  
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Waianae, HI 96792

February 28, 2009

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Respectfully,  
Noreen Conlin

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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: SB 420 SD1 March 3, 2009 9:30am**

As a naturopathic physician practicing on the Big Island of Hawai'i, I would like to show my support for measure SB 420 SD1. I made a choice to move to a rural area of Hawai'i in order to make a difference in the healthcare shortage of the area. However, the challenges faced on a daily basis are a direct result of the limited scope of practice for naturopathic physicians in this state. Although trained and licensed as primary care physicians, with all the liability and responsibility pertaining to this occupation, we do not have the benefit of being able to perform many of the services that our schooling trained us for- pharmaceutical prescriptions (such as antibiotics), injection and IV therapies, and minor surgery. The title "naturopathic physician" is rewarded only after eight years of rigorous higher education, internships and four days of extensive testing through national board exams.

Many other states have modernized their laws to keep up with the changes in education of naturopathic doctors that have occurred over the past 20 years. It is only in the best interest of the state of Hawai'i to do the same. The passing of this bill would allow over 100 physicians throughout the islands to be able to better treat their patients and to eliminate unnecessary referrals. Many other physicians are not even able to accept new patients at this time due to the overwhelming need for healthcare. In my opinion, naturopathic physicians offer a solution to a number of problems in our healthcare system. While alleviating an extra burden from other physicians, we also are focusing on the prevention of disease, which helps minimize future healthcare costs. Please allow us to help in a manner that we are trained and willing to do.

Aloha,

Dr Sarah Strong, ND

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Pahoa, HI 96778  
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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Pam Chambers [speakout@pamchambers.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 10:27 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. #420

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker and Senator David Ige,

I am writing to ask your support of Measure S.B. #420, relating to naturopathic medicine in Hawaii.

I am a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, and understand that she would be better able to serve her patients if this measure were passed.

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Honolulu, HI 96821

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**From:** Pat Nelson [ne0nrain@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 11:39 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Fw: SB420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

There is no reason that I can see for this bill to not be passed. I have closely followed the scope of practice in other states where Doctors are actually allowed to treat their patients and it is a beautiful thing. Hawaii is in desperate need of healthcare and we are at the same time telling doctors that they are not allowed to proscribe antibiotics, bio-identical hormones, and other pharmaceuticals. Naturopathic doctors are trained in pharmacology to a greater extent than most MD allopaths. It is not a question of whether or not they are qualified to proscribe medicine it is only a question why we won't let them. We have urgent care clinics running without any doctor. We allow physicians assistants to proscribe meds but not Naturopathic doctors.

That is how absurd this situation has gotten. As a tax payer and lifetime island resident I demand that we pass this bill and help hawaii doctors heal our health care crisis.

Patrick Nelson  
(808) 728-8463

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** phears [phears@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 3:48 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Patti Phears  
Makakilo

March 1, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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Patti Phears

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**From:** Paul Cooper [paulcooper@mail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 10:08 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, March 3, 9:30am

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

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** paula mantel [paulamantel@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 1:34 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Paula Mantel  
POBox 62115  
Honolulu, HI 96839  
Hawaii resident for 28 years

February 28, 2009

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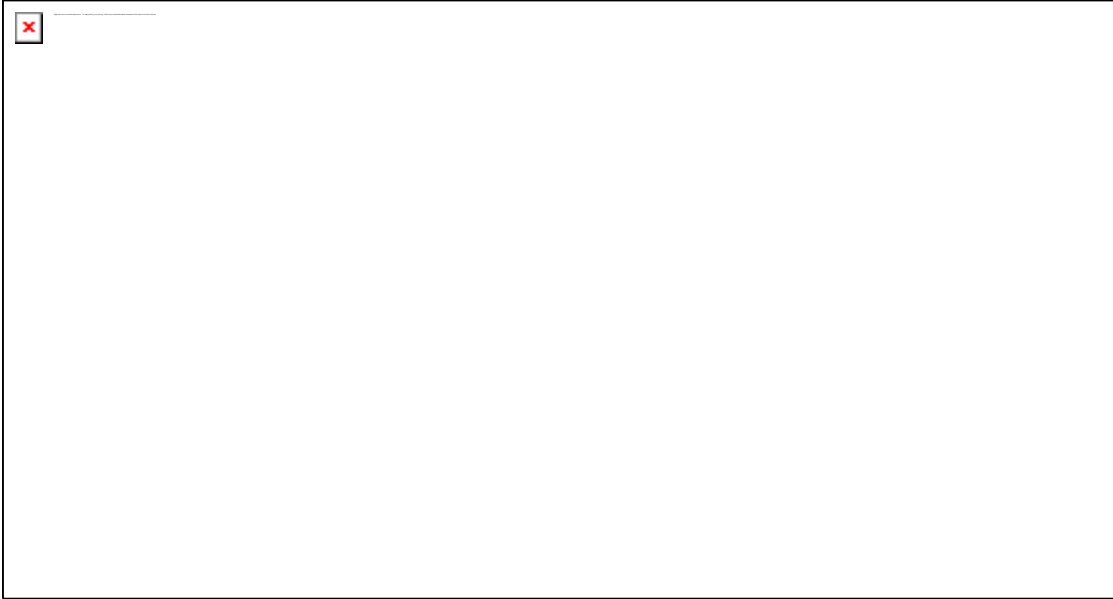
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**Subject:** Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Paulette Ogata

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Honolulu, HI 96819

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)  
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Pratibha Eastwood

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**From:** Carrie Brennan [carriejbrennan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 2:08 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: in support of SB420 to be heard on March 3 at 9:30 am, Senate Committee of Commerce Consumer Protection

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From: Helena1824@aol.com  
Date: Mon, 9 Feb 2009 15:43:33 -0500  
Subject: in support of SB420  
To: HTHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

I am writing and asking for your help to expand the naturopathic medical law here in Hawaii. Our law has not been modernized in many years, and it needs to be!! This bill has far-ranging ramifications for naturopathic practice in Hawaii. Basically it would bring the scope of practice up to the standards of all the other Western states, and allow Doctors to practice to the full extent of their training.

Healthcare in this country needs to be reformed, and naturopathic medicine is an important part of making and keeping us all healthier.

Thank you for your service to Hawaii,

Helena Cooney  
5316 Kumole St  
Kapaa, HI 96746  
808-822-1885

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**From:** Leilani Magee [leilanimagee@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:01 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Naturopathic Medicine

Leilani Magee  
Palolo Valley, Oahu, Hawaii

February 28, 2009

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

Sincerely yours,  
Leilani Magee

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Rebecca Doescher [bexter1966@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 12:19 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Rebecca L. Doescher  
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February 28, 2009

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**From:** Rosanne Shank [jingleshell@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 2:15 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Medicine

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Rosanne Shank  
78-271 Manukai St.  
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

February 28, 2009

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 2:32 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of easure S.B. No.420, S.D.I, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Faith Saito + Kenneth Saito  
95-544 Kahela Place  
Mililani, HI 96789

Dear Senator Rosaly H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committe on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

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Sincerely yours,  
Kenneth & Faith Saito

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**From:** sal andres [popos45@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 6:07 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Salud Andres  
94 664 kauluikua Pl  
Mililani HI 06789

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v/r,  
Salud

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Sarah Johnson [sjohnson75@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:29 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Cc:** sjohnson75@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

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

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Johnson 2/28/09

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Shanon Sidell [doctorshanon@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 8:47 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, March 3 2009, 9:30am, Conference room 229

THE SENATE  
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To: Consumer Protection Committee, Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Sen. David Ige, Vice Chair

Re: SB420 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, March 3 2009, 9:30am, Conference room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige and Committee members,

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

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 (2) years of science didactics and three (3) 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

Ho'okena Beach Road  
Kealia, Hawaii 96751  
808-960-8333



## Eric Arquero

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**From:** SHARON KEITH [skeith@queens.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 8:40 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

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Best,

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Instructor, Clinical Education

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**From:** sharon Ortiz [kalona44@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:27 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of SB 420, D.D.1

Sharon Ortiz  
February 28, 2009

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**From:** Sheila O'Malley [lalalomi@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:27 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Sheila O'Malley  
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Honolulu, Hi 96816

February 28, 2009

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

Sincerely yours,  
Sheila O'Malley

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Shelley Lynn Vecchitto [svecchit@campus.hpu.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 10:16 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of measure S.B. No. 429, S.D.1

Shelley Vecchitto

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Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Sincerely yours,

Shelley Vecchitto

February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,  
Shirley Alexander

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Jones Skipper [jones\_skipper@bah.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 3:58 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: Support of Bill SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

February 28, 2009  
Skipper Akey Jones  
1451 Laamia Street  
Honolulu HI 96821

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Mahalo for your consideration,

*Skipper Akey Jones*

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** sswilski@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 10:56 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. No. 420, S.D. 1 - Naturopathic Medicine

Stan Williams  
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Kapolei, HI 96707

March 1, 2009

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**From:** Rascalchun@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:09 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Stephen Chun  
94-618 Lumiaina St M101  
Waipahu, Hi 96797

February 28, 2009

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Sincerely yours,  
Stephen Chun

438 Hobron Lane, Suite V-6 | Honolulu, Hawaii USA 96815

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**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** CPNT Testimony

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Steve Burns  
PO Box 323  
Hakalau, Hawaii 96710

March 2, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** steve dubey [dr.dubey@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 9:21 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 420 , SD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

TO : The Honorable Rosalyn H Baker, Chair  
The Honorable David Y Ige, Vice Chair  
Honorable Committee Members

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE- MODERNIZATION BILL

March 1st, 2009

SENATE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION HEARING

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009 at 9:30 AM , Conference Room 229

DEAR SENATORS BAKER, IGE 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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## Eric Arquero

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**From:** kurowski1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 11:18 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Medicine

Sue Kurowski  
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Kapolei, HI 96707

March 1, 2009

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Sincerely yours,

Sue Kurowski

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**From:** Melissa McMahon [susanmcmahon1@me.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 5:56 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** bill SB420SD1

Please pass bill SB 420SD1. I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen. Dr. Steelsmith has helped my family and I for years. I strongly urge you to support this bill. Aloha,  
Susan McMahon

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Susan Woo [susan\_woo@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 9:51 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Health Care

Susan Woo  
6161 Pahukula Pl  
Honolulu HI 96821  
March 2, 2009

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Sincerely yours,

Susan Woo  
808 396-0976



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**From:** Suzanne Lahl [slahl@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 11:01 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** support Measure SB No. 420 S.D.1

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

The services and education given by naturopathic practitioners must be supported with insurance.

I have been a consumer of such services for over 20 years- I am 56 - and have no illnesses!

Please evolve Hawaii's capacity to benefit from the talented and educated professionals that live in this state!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Lahl  
Resident, Kihei

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Carrie Brennan [carriebrennan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 2:11 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** For SB420, to be heard on March 3, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Senate Committee of Commerce and Consumer Protection

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Date: Mon, 9 Feb 2009 11:20:23 -0800  
From: [suzyandstan@yahoo.com](mailto:suzyandstan@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Help please~!  
To: [HTHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:HTHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

To State Health Committee,

I support Naturopathic medicine and how expanding the law would be positive for the patients in Hawaii.

It is time to bring the scope of practice up to the standards of all the other Western states, and allow them to practice to the full extent of their training.

I have had many medical challenges for the last 7 years and my Naturopathic doctor has helped me more than any other medical MD.

Please pass SB420!!!

Thanks for your support.

Suzanne Staulz  
Kapaa, HI.

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**From:** Tappan Titherington [Tapp@AlohaJP.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 4:17 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Naturopathic Medicine

*Aloha Senate Consumer Protection Committee:*

*I am writing to let you know how ultimately important it is for Hawaii to broaden the scope of practice for Naturopathic Physicians. In a state where medical help can be hard to find, I am so happy that Dr Sarah Strong (ND) was willing to see me when all other private physicians in Hilo area would not.*

*Naturopaths are trained far beyond their current usage in Hawaii. Delivering babies, minor surgeries, and treatment with herbs rather than pharmaceuticals should all be included. Instead, they are currently very limited by the state law.....not by knowledge or experience. We need to attract more medical providers to Hawaii, not fewer.*

*Please make changes necessary to expand scope of care for NDs to increase the care available. It is paramount, when ill, to see someone trained in the medical field, and to have a legal block to some of the best docs around is counter productive.*

*Mahalo for your consideration*

*Tappan Titherington  
Big Island, Hilo side  
808-982-9870*

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Teresa Johnston [esoteric.consultant@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 5:16 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Bill SB 420

Teresa A. Johnston  
1349 Aalapapa Dr.  
Kailua, HI 96734  
March 1, 2009

**RE: Support of Bill SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii**

Dear Senators Rosalyn H. Baker, David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

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Sincerely yours,

Teresa Johnston

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Thomas DiGrazia [digraziat001@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 5:32 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** S.B. NO. 420 S.D. 1

Dear Senators:

I write in support of S.B. 420 S.D.1.

Naturopathic medicine provides a relatively inexpensive, less invasive form of healing that complements allopathic medicine.

Your support for this bill is necessary and appreciated.

In peace,

Tom DiGrazia and Family

(808-292-4960)

March 3, 2009

RE: SB420 SD1, Relating to Naturopathy, for a scheduled hearing Tuesday March 3, 2009 at 0930, conference room 229.

Honorable Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair David Ige and members of the committee.

I am Tom Leland M.D. testifying in support of SB420 SD1, 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, SD1 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.

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** Tracie Umaki [tjumaki@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:45 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Tracie Umaki

1416 C St NE

Washington DC, 20002

February 28, 2009

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Tracie Umaki, M.A.  
Doctoral Candidate in Clinical Psychology  
Washington DC VA Medical Center  
Psychology Intern  
808-258-6872 (cell)

## Eric Arquero

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**From:** melvuchida@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 10:22 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Cc:** Sen. Dwight Takamine  
**Subject:** Support SB 420

Will you please support SB 420 for Naturopathic Medical care in Hawaii. My family and I have personally benefited greatly from such practitioners in addition to our regular family M.D.'s.

Sincerely,

Melvyn Uchida and family  
Laupahoehoe, HI

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**From:** Valerie Wayne [vwayne@hawaii.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 5:47 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support for Bill SB 420 SD1

March 1, 2009

**RE: Support of Bill SB 420 SD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii**

Dear Senators Rosalyn H. Baker, David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

As a Hawaii resident, a concerned citizen, and a Professor of English at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, I am writing to strongly urge your support of bill SB 420 SD1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. I have been a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith's for over 14 years, and I have significantly improved health as a result of being in her care. I am a better teacher and researcher and have a fuller life because of her expertise. I can even say that Dr. Steelsmith's medical care has been more important to me over this time period than any of the MDs whom I have consulted and whose services have been covered by insurance. However, it is best not to have to choose between NDs and MDs but to be able to consult both as they are appropriate to one's condition. Hawai'i needs insurance coverage for naturopathic doctors: their success with many patients here has earned it, and we all deserve it for the increased health of Hawai'i's people.

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. Bill SB 420 SD1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

Given 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.

Since naturopathic physicians are most highly trained in preventive medicine, they are also 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 skills and 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. Please pass this important bill!

Sincerely yours,

Valerie Wayne, Ph.D.  
Professor of English  
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**From:** Vicki Sakoda [sakodav@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 11:49 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Re: S.B. No. 420, S.D.1

Vicki Sakoda  
3511 Kepuhi Street  
February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health. Dr. Steelsmith also believes in teaching her patients how to take care of ourselves so that we can take an active role in maintaining good health.

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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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

Sincerely yours,  
Vicki Sakoda



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**From:** IWILANI@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:39 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 420 SD1

Wendy B. Crabb  
5398 Papai St.  
Honolulu, HI. 96821  
February 28, 2009

Dear Senators Baker and Ige,

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

**Eric Arquero**

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**From:** Willa Romanchak [willaromanchak@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:00 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** FW: Important News From Dr. Steelsmith

**From: Willa Romanchak**  
**95 Maukanani Rd.**  
**Kula, HI 96790**

March 1, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)** Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health. 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.1 will give Dr. Steelsmith and 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:

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<<http://e2ma.net/go/1770193346/1613013/59386490/goto: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,

Willa Romanchak

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**From:** Yasmin Vatter [yasminvatter@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:31 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Yasmin Vatter  
78-266 Manukai St.  
Keauhou, HI 96740

February 28, 2009

**RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. My family and I have experienced naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health.

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

Sincerely yours,

Yasmin Vatter



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**From:** Yvonne Everhart [yeverhart@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 6:47 AM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Yvonne Everhart  
PO Box 378  
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748

February 28, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

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

Sincerely yours,

Yvonne Everhart



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**From:** Carrie Brennan [carriebrennan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 2:06 PM  
**To:** CPN Testimony  
**Subject:** For SB420, to be heard on March 3, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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From: lisa@kula.org  
To: HTHTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov  
CC: carriebrennan@hotmail.com  
Subject: For SB420, to be heard on Feb. 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Health Committee  
Date: Mon, 9 Feb 2009 13:31:40 -1000

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the passage of SB420. In light of the current health care crisis, we urgently need a shift in focus from reactionary to preventative medicine, I am writing to express my support of this bill. Naturopathic practitioners are highly trained individuals who can provide a high quality standard of care that focuses on the mind-body connection. We would be remiss if we did not support this holistic approach to health care.

I personally have found many benefits for my family from working with naturopathic practitioners who have managed to improve and/or resolve both short term and long term conditions including fevers, allergies, asthma, obesity, anxiety, and herniated disks.

With respect and aloha,

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One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.- Chinese Proverb

Darrow M. Hand, N.D.  
1413 Ward Avenue – B  
Honolulu, HI 96822  
March 2, 2009

RE: Support of S.B. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

To: Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair  
and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

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

SB 420 SD 1 would update the definition and scope of practice of naturopathic medicine to be comparable to that found in other states such as Washington and Oregon. Naturopathic physicians receive extensive training at naturopathic medical schools. This legislation would allow us to practice medicine as we are trained, and enable us to more effectively serve the people of Hawai'i. Naturopathic physicians are a valuable part of our healthcare system. It is time to modernize the naturopathic law in Hawai'i, which has not been revised for many years.

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

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