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HB2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

February 5, 2010

Honorable Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair, Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and
Committee Members:

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The Hawaii Medical Association's (HMA) request for the introduction of HB2312 is a divisive effort to restrict the practice of health care professionals who are not doctors of medicine (MDs) or osteopathy (DOs). This effort would limit patients' abilities to choose naturopathic physicians as their health care providers and limit access to safe, high-quality and cost-effective health care.

The Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians believes that a patient's right to access the health care professional of his or her choice is critical to achieving quality health outcomes. The demand for health care services is growing and all professionals must work collaboratively to meet the needs of patients. As policymakers and regulators seek to overhaul our health care system to provide better quality and lower costs, the role of health care providers other than MDs or DOs becomes increasingly important.

My opposition to HB2312 is based on many concerns, including those related to conflict of interest, inaccuracies, patient access, existing resources and more:

Conflict of interest – It is a fundamental conflict of interest for one professional group to define the scope of practice of another. It is not reasonable for medical physicians to purport that they are seeking to protect patients when 1) there is no credible evidence to suggest that preventing patients from choosing their health care professional would, in any way, improve patient care and 2) the economic interests of MDs and DOs are intertwined with scope of practice issues. These efforts amount to protecting "turf," and the needs of patients are lost in the discussion.

Patient access – If the HMA’s testimony submitted on SB2489 on February 3, 2010 is believed, policymakers and regulators may draw inaccurate and inappropriate conclusions about the preparation and practice of the naturopathic profession. If the HMA’s efforts ultimately limit patient access to naturopathic physicians, patients who wish to rely upon naturopathic physicians will be negatively affected. Research has consistently shown quality health outcomes associated with naturopathic physicians, who often serve patients with limited geographic or economic access to health care and provide services which MDs and DOs are not qualified or able to provide.

Existing resources and mechanisms – Accurate, complete information about the education and credentialing of naturopathic physicians can already be obtained directly from the Association of American Naturopathic Medical Colleges, the authoritative resource on the preparation and practice of naturopathic physicians. Policymakers and regulators have ample access to information about naturopathic physician’s skills and capabilities. Further, Hawaii has an existing regulatory mechanism in place to ensure every naturopathic physician is practicing within an appropriate, legally defined scope of practice. HMA efforts to repeal a law passed just last year suggest that state policymakers and regulators are inadequate in their role; however, state agencies charged with overseeing scope of naturopathic practice have been successfully ensuring patient safety for decades.

Divisive spirit – Among the public, policymakers, and providers, there is a clear consensus that our health care system is under stress, the needs of patients are increasing and we urgently need to focus on providing cost-effective care. All health care professionals need to work collaboratively, to share our varied talents and strengths and ensure we can all meet the growing needs of the patient population. Engaging in efforts that divide, rather than unite, the provider community are counter-productive and do not serve our patients’ best interests. Patients need the provider community to be united to ensure that, together, we can provide the highest quality care available for the best possible outcomes.

I have grave concerns about the accuracy and tone of the testimony provided by HMA. Inaccuracies, omissions and innuendos within this document seriously limit their credibility, objectivity and usefulness. Infused with bias more than credible facts or research, the testimony calls into question the safety and quality of the care provided by naturopathic physicians, without providing a shred of evidence of safety or quality issues.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB2312.

Mahalo.

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

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

Dear Ryan Yamane, Chair, Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2312 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would have many negative consequences for Hawaii's healthcare consumers because it would remove the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary. Only the board of naturopathic medicine can use this authority appropriately. It is the responsibility of the naturopathic board, not any other party, to regulate naturopathic physicians.

Hawaii's naturopathic physicians are more than adequately trained to practice under our existing law. They have extensive training at nationally accredited naturopathic medical schools, and they are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians who diagnose and treat disease. They receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They are trained in vitamin therapies given by injection, as well as in the prescribing of certain drugs. They also study in-depth a wide range of approaches to disease prevention, completing four years of study that includes clinical nutrition, pharmacology, cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, neurology, and endocrinology. At the same time, they are required to complete 1,200 hours of clinical training in primary care outpatient settings before passing national licensing exams.

Last year's modernization of Hawaii's naturopathic medicine law allows our naturopathic physicians to finally practice according to their training as primary care physicians - and according to standards that have long been maintained in many other states. For many years naturopathic physicians in other states have had the right to prescribe medications, do minor surgery, and do injections (both intramuscular and intravenous).

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

HB 2312 would greatly diminish the quality of naturopathic medicine in Hawaii, because it would essentially remove the benefits gained in last year's modernization of our naturopathic law. It would significantly reduce our naturopathic physicians' capacity to serve the public, and limit Hawaii's ability to attract top-notch naturopathic physicians. As a result, it would be detrimental to the overall quality of healthcare in our state.

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

Sincerely,
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The testimony of the Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) and that of the University of Hawaii Medical School provided for the Senate Health Committee's hearing for SB2489 on February 3, 2010 contain numerous factual misstatements. The source of this misinformation is referenced in the HMA's testimony as the "AMA Scope of Practice Data Series - Naturopaths. September 2009." Naturopathic medicine is one of the top 10 professions targeted by the AMA in its Scope of Practice Partnership (SOPP). The SOPP, funded by the AMA and other specialty organizations in conventional medicine, is the vehicle by which the AMA is seeking to prevent any expansion of scope of practice and licensure. The AMA's Top Ten Picks are: optometrists, psychologists, nurse anesthetists, physical therapists, podiatrists, audiologists, pharmacists, oral maxillofacial surgeons, nurse practitioners, and naturopathic physicians.

We are told that the SOPP documents are designed as an advocacy tool to educate legislators and regulatory bodies for the purpose of "protecting the health and safety of the public." The report itself is extremely inflammatory and contains glaring omissions, errors and inaccuracies.

The SOPP report is summarily flawed in its origins and subsequent conclusions, including

- An incomplete understanding and articulation of the education and training of naturopathic doctors.
- Dated, inaccurate and biased statements relating to the definition of the practice of naturopathic medicine, and state laws defining title and scope, including the authority to practice as primary care doctors.

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- And, misrepresentation of the profession of naturopathic medicine and its relation to people who practice naturopathy with no formal training.

The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) has submitted its technical corrections and commentary to the AMA, assimilated with the input of every major naturopathic agency: North American Board of Naturopathic Examiners, Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination, Council for Naturopathic Medical Education, and the American Association of Naturopathic Medical Colleges.

The naturopathic profession's relationships with the medical profession do not mirror our relationship with organized medicine. Call it interdisciplinary, integrative, or collaborative care - we value the working relationships that have been forged with medical doctors and are acutely aware that the AMA and HMA speaks for a minority.

It is extremely unfortunate and shortsighted for the AMA and HMA to undertake this effort without consulting the AANP, the accredited schools, the licensing authorities, or the accrediting institution. We believe that the expenditure of valuable resources should be focused on work that benefits our members and their patients with the goal of reforming our disease-based system to one that empowers individual health. To that end, the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians, the AANP and its leadership are committed to collaboration among all health care professions. We stand ready to educate the HMA and AMA and their leadership on the safety and effectiveness of naturopathic medicine, and we encourage them to rethink their decision to pursue this divisive policy and program. The decaying health status of U.S. citizens requires our leadership - both as individuals, and as professions.

I respectfully urge you to oppose HB2312.

Mahalo.

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Testimony Senate Bill 327

Naturopathic Formulary

by Rita Bettenburg ND

February 16, 2009

Note: This testimony was submitted to the Hawaii Legislature last year in support of the bills relating to naturopathic medicine. It was written by Dr. Bettenburg in support of Senate Bill 327 in the Oregon State Legislature.

I am Dr. Rita Bettenburg, the Dean of the Naturopathic Medical Program at National College of Natural Medicine In Portland. I graduated from NCNM in 1989, did a primary care naturopathic residency, and have been a faculty member at the college since that time. I maintain a limited private practice in Portland. I am currently serving on the Council for Naturopathic Medical Education, which is the federal accrediting body for the naturopathic colleges.

Program Overview

The ND program at NCNM is the oldest in the country, requiring 4620 hours of education, including 1548 hours of direct clinical exposure. This is comparable to educational requirements for other types of medical colleges. It is a four year, in residence program. Admissions requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college, as well as a list of science and social science prerequisites.

The first two years of classroom education consist of biomedical sciences and diagnostic education, including anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, histology, embryology, microbiology, immunology and

pathology. This human physical science foundation is followed by extensive study in diagnostic procedures, including physical examination, laboratory diagnosis and diagnostic imaging. Success in mastering this material is measured by the Biomedical Sciences national board exams, which may be taken after the student's second year of education is complete.

The second two years of the program are focused on translating this knowledge into clinical application. The clinical sciences include specific courses in the different organ systems of the body, in order to provide a framework for a family care physician. Concurrently, students take courses teaching disease management and prevention. These therapeutic modalities include nutrition, botanical medicines, physical medicine, homeopathy, lifestyle counseling, minor surgery and pharmacology as examples. Diagnostic and treatment skills are developed and assessed in the students' clinical rotations.

Faculty are required by Oregon law to have terminal degrees in the disciplines they teach. The curriculum is assessed and updated regularly by a curriculum committee, as mandated by federal accreditors. Both course content and integration of didactic materials into clinical relevance are addressed, in response to information gathered by alumni surveys, licensing laws in various jurisdictions, and advances in medicine.

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Pharmacological Education

Interventions by naturopathic physicians include the use of pharmaceuticals when appropriate. Naturopathic medical students are required to learn about all classes of pharmaceutical agents, regardless of their ability to prescribe them under Oregon law. The current program includes 72 hours of classroom education which includes the principles of pharmacodynamics, side effects, and therapeutic uses of legend, or prescription, drugs. This compares favorably with the didactic education for other medical professionals with legend drug prescribing rights. Additional emphasis is given to drugs that are on the naturopathic formulary in Oregon.

Students are exposed routinely in their clinical training to the appropriate selection, prescription, and management of legend drug use, with clinical rotations providing practical management experience. Students are exposed to a wide variety of patient populations, and while it is true that many patients select naturopathic care based on their desire to avoid or reduce use of legend drugs with perceived side effects, a drug may be the best choice for their care at certain times. Naturopathic physicians are trained to recognize the indications, efficacy and potential side effects of all drugs a patient is on whether they can prescribe them or not, since many patients come in already taking medications. In all teaching clinics, assessment of the patient history includes an evaluation of their current pharmacological treatments. In some clinics, most notably in the acute care clinics where we treat medically underserved patients, the ability to prescribe the most appropriate drug when needed is extremely important. Under the current formulary, there are times when a patient needs to discontinue a medication, but naturopathic physicians cannot discontinue a prescription they are not allowed to prescribe, regardless of benefit to the patient.

Program accreditation

The programs in naturopathic medical schools are subject to federal Department of Education oversight. The Council for Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) is the accrediting agency that monitors naturopathic programs according to federal guidelines. The CNME standards for programs include assessment of curriculum, delivery, performance outcomes, financial stability, student

services, college function, and professional success of the graduates. The accreditation process is rigorous, requiring annual reports, self studies performed by the colleges, and regular site visits by the CNME. All colleges, including OHSU, are also overseen by a regional department of education accrediting agency, which accredits the institution, while CNME accredits the program of study. In the northwest, this regional group is the Northwest Consortium of Colleges and Universities

Licensing examinations

All licensed jurisdictions in the United States and Canada require that graduates pass a Biomedical Sciences exam, and a Clinical Sciences competency exam: the NPLEX or Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination. They also require that the student graduate from a CNME accredited college. The licensing exam is rigorous, with roughly a 75% first time pass rate annually across all colleges. The exams currently consist of questions in an integrated format, requiring demonstration of clinical critical thinking, as opposed to simple memorization.

Residencies in Naturopathic Medicine

Certified post-graduate residency opportunities are available at all naturopathic colleges in the US. Some are on site at the colleges, and others are provided through partnerships with medical clinics and practitioners across the country. These are structured, competency-based supervised programs, providing in depth experience in areas of interest, as well as teaching skills at some residency sites. They are intended to broaden and deepen the clinical education of the resident, provide experience in medical research, and provide opportunities for specialization.

Currently, all graduates do not have access to a residency. Medical doctors have federal and state funding to support their residency programs, but naturopathic colleges do not. Without that funding, it is unlikely that medical doctors would also have residencies for all graduates. Our residencies are based on the ability of colleges to raise money to support them, and the willingness of members of the profession to subsidize them. While the goal of the colleges and the profession is to provide high quality graduate education programs for all graduates, likely this funding problem will require resolution before this is possible. The American Association of Naturopathic Medical Colleges identifies this as a priority.

Conclusion

The educational program in naturopathic medical colleges prepares graduates to appropriately prescribe and manage legend drug use. State licensing bodies require physicians to be up to date in their prescribing skills through focused continuing medical education requirements, and oversight of the use of prescriptive authority. A rational and clear exclusionary formulary will benefit Oregonians, allowing more economical and patient-centered health care delivery.

Submitted by Rita Bettenburg ND

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Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010 TIME: 9:30am PLACE: Conference Room 329
HB 2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary.
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Comments:

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/3/2010

Comments:

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

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Conference room: 329
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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Comments:
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SB2489 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary.

Dear Sen. Ige, Chair, Sen Green, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your opposition to S.B. No. 2489 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools. Last year, the Hawaii State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. These modernizations are currently in place in Arizona, Oregon, New Hampshire, California, and Washington State. SB 2489 aims to remove these improvements. With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state. Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose SB 2489.

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Conference room: 329
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Date Friday, Feb. 5, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 329

Honorable Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Nishimoto and Committee on Health,

My name is Dr. Nathan Ehrlich. I am a licensed Naturopathic physician practicing on Maui since 1989. These 20 years of practice have shown me that the field of Naturopathic medicine is an effective and safe complementary healthcare system.

The Naturopathic law was modernized with the passage of SB420 SD2, HD2 last year (and override of Governor's veto with Act 22) bringing more appropriate language to the law and to clarify the scope of Naturopathic practice including parenteral therapy, minor office procedures and a prescription formulary administered by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine which are all aspects of modern Naturopathic practice taught in Naturopathic medical schools. HB 2312 aims to remove these improvements.

I am writing to strongly urge your opposition to H.B. No. 2312 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose H.B. No. 2312.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan Ehrlich, N.D.

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Kristi Dinell
3694 Kawelolani Place
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February 3, 2010

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Dinell

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Conference room: 329
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Thank you,
Adria R. Dobiash

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Hearing scheduled for Friday, February 5th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329

Dear Ryan Yamane, Chair, Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

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

Mahalo nui,
Kaliko Amona
Haleiwa, Hawai'i

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

To: House Committee on Health
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, vice chair

From: Calvin C.M. Kam, M.D.

Re: HB 2312. Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

In support.

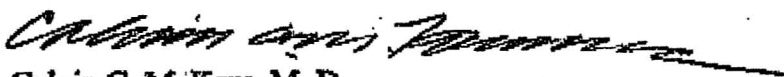
Chairs and Committee Members:

I support HB 2312 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine because this will prevent inevitable health care problems that will occur when unnatural activities are allowed. Naturopathic medicine as defined in Section 455-1, supports and stimulates the natural body processes. That should not include minor office procedures and parenteral therapy.

Their Board was to establish education, training, and administration standards by the end of 2009. What was done? Was a Naturopathic formulary established that will be approved annually (by whom)?

With the cost of health care now 17.3% of the GDP, physicians are cost conscious about ordering diagnostic tests and examinations, despite the threat of mal-practice; have concern that not all lesions need minor surgical procedures in the office; and try to avoid prescribing all the high costs products and encourage patients to ask physicians for. I personally would not order these, but defer to specialists who would consider generics. Practitioners must be able to diagnose and test appropriately before obtaining privileges to treat.

Thank you for considering this important bill,


Calvin C. M. Kam, M. D.

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Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

Comments:

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Please OPPOSE HB2312

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February 4, 2010

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

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
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Comments:

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010 TIME: 9:30am PLACE: Conference Room 329 HB 2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary. Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

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Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Submitted on: 2/4/2010

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Dear Ryan Yamane, Chair, Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,
For preventative medicine and excellent primary care, the services of a highly trained naturopathic physician are indispensable as a part of each person's health care team of providers. You would be very pleased to have one on your health care team, too. Please oppose the bill to limit their services. We need more skilled and caring professionals like them.

Yours,
Candace Lee

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From: Cw Lee [leecw10@yahoo.com]
nt: Thursday, February 04, 2010 6:33 PM
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Dear Ryan Yamane, Chair, Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2312 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would have many negative consequences for Hawaii's healthcare consumers because it would remove the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary. Only the board of naturopathic medicine can use this authority appropriately. It is the responsibility of the naturopathic board, not any other party, to regulate naturopathic physicians.

Hawaii's naturopathic physicians are more than adequately trained to practice under our existing law. They have extensive training at nationally accredited naturopathic medical schools, and they are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians who diagnose and treat disease. They receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They are trained in vitamin therapies given by injection, as well as in the prescribing of certain drugs. They also study in-depth a wide range of approaches to disease prevention, completing four years of study that includes clinical nutrition, pharmacology, cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, neurology, and endocrinology. At the same time, they are required to complete 1,200 hours of clinical training in primary care outpatient settings before passing national licensing exams.

Last year's modernization of Hawaii's naturopathic medicine law allows our naturopathic physicians to finally practice according to their training as primary care physicians - and according to standards that have long been maintained in many other states. For many years naturopathic physicians in other states have had the right to prescribe medications, do minor surgery, and do injections (both intramuscular and intravenous).

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

Sincerely,
Candace Lee

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

Comments:

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010 TIME: 9:30am PLACE: Conference Room 329 HB 2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary. Hear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

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Testifier position: oppose
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February 4, 2010

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

RE: Testimony in **OPPOSITION** to **HB 2312** Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

SUBMITTED BY: **Annette Mente** 5230 Keakealani Street Honolulu, HI 96821

Dear Ryan Yamane, Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose HB 2312 relating to naturopathic medicine. I work as a planner for the State Department of Health, but testify today as a private citizen and a benefactor of naturopathic care. As many of us in public health are aware, the chronic diseases that are disabling the population are directly associated with unhealthy lifestyles and poor nutrition. The current medical establishment is often woefully unprepared and untrained to assist their patients in this critical path toward health and well-being; whereas naturopathic physicians are trained and knowledgeable about the latest scientific evidence and treatments to help their patients transition to improved health and wellness.

In my experience of caring for elderly parents whose complex medical conditions have tested the margins of western medical knowledge, naturopathic care has played a critical role to improve their quality of life while aging. Also, in my own personal midlife health struggles, the care of my naturopathic doctor has been invaluable. Hawai'i consumers need to benefit from the health care options many others in the U.S. already enjoy. Improved personal health is the most effective way to reduce health care costs and the current practice of naturopathic medicine is a critical component to our health care system that can no longer be ignored.

HB 2312 would be detrimental to Hawaii's healthcare consumers because it would remove the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary. The bill would have many negative consequences on the quality of naturopathic medicine in Hawaii, drastically reducing our naturopathic physicians' capacity to effectively serve the public, and limiting Hawaii's ability to attract and retain top-quality naturopathic physicians.

Despite unfounded fears, the fact is that Hawaii's naturopathic physicians are more than adequately trained to practice under our existing law. Last year's modernization of Hawaii's naturopathic medicine law allows naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training as primary care physicians - and according to standards that have long been upheld in other states.

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

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Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/5/2010

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

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/5/2010

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2010

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Comments:

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