

SB 657

Measure Title: RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC.

Report Title: Chiropractic; Scope of Practice

Description: Updates the scope of practice for chiropractic to reflect standards, practices, and terminology accepted by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011
9:00 a.m.**

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 657, RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC.

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

My name is Lynn Bhanot and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill No. 657, Relating to Chiropractic, which is the companion bill to House Bill No. 234. Both bills are substantively identical except for technical, non-substantive changes in both versions which the Board does not oppose.

Section 1 of this bill defines and clarifies the chiropractic scope of practice.

Section 2 of this bill clarifies the additional post-licensure examinations that the Board may require.

Finally, Section 3 of this bill allows a chiropractor to use the term, "chiropractic physician".

The Board supports the intent of this bill with the following amendments:

1. Delete "human" on page 2, lines 7 and 21. Also, delete "humans" on page 2, line 16 and replace with "the body". The Board believes the reference to humans will restrict chiropractors from providing animal chiropractic services.

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2. Include "light" on page 3, line 2 following "electrical".

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 657.



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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing date: Thursday, March 1, 2011

Hearing Time: 9:00 AM

Conference Room 229

Testimony in Support of SB 657, Relating to Chiropractic

Aloha, Chair Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Gary Saito and I am the President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association. On behalf of our doctors, I urge the **support of SB 657**.

For far too long, the chiropractic practice act in Hawaii has misrepresented the chiropractic profession. It is an inaccurate, outdated, and inappropriate description of chiropractic as it is practiced today. While treatment of the spine is a particular focus of chiropractors, chiropractic as a profession has always been a holistic healthcare system, treating neuromusculoskeletal conditions wherever they occur in the body. For decades, chiropractors have been educated and trained to treat the physical structure of the human frame and skeletal system, as well as to improve and maintain proper function in human activities.

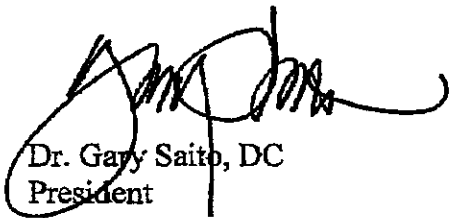
Our 19 fully accredited chiropractic colleges in the U.S. are recognized for their doctoral-level training by the U.S. Department of Education. The National Board Exams are accepted by the State of Hawaii and other states as the standard of testing and certification of license applicants. Our Hawaii Administrative Rules are aligned with the college curricula and the National Boards.

Our current statute, however, does a disservice to the profession by limiting treatment to the spine and ignoring the true scope of our education and training. For over 100 years, chiropractic education has included the treatment of the whole body, focusing on the problems of nerves, muscles, bones, joints, and attendant tissues. It's time that the Hawaii chiropractic practice act align with the other measures of doctor knowledge and competency to practice.

The public will be better served by a practice act that truly acknowledges the education, training, and expertise of chiropractic doctors and describes chiropractic as it is practiced today.

SB 657 seeks to update the Hawaii Chiropractic Practice Act to reflect the modern application of our practice. **We urge your support of SB 657.** Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gary Saito, DC
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Tuesday, March 1, 2011 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 229

To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
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Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Morris Mitsunaga, MD, President
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Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: SB 657 Relating to Chiropractic

Chairs & Committee Members:

The HMA would like to offer an amendment to this bill. We would ask that the scope of this bill be limited to treatment of musculoskeletal disorders. The biggest potential public safety issue is the ordering of a spinal MRI by a chiropractor for a radiculopathy. If that study confirms compromise of a spinal nerve root, or spinal cord, a chiropractor might be convinced to continue a prolonged course of manipulation while referral to a neurosurgeon for indicated surgery might be delayed, leading to permanent injury.

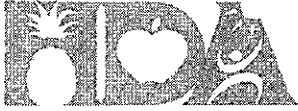
Since chiropractors will be ordering diagnostic tests read by MDs and DOs (radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, clinical pathologists), the Hawaii Medical Board should have a role in determining appropriate scope, not just the Chiropractic Board.

The HMA opposes inserting "chiropractic physician" as a legal title and the deletion of use of "physician" as a violation. This is very misleading and compromises the integrity of educational training physicians undergo.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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ROSALYN H. BAKER: CPN CHAIR

Measure: SB 657 – Relating to Chiropractic Scope of Practice

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Room 229

Dear Senator Baker,

As you are aware SB 657 updates the scope of practice for chiropractors based on standards set by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The Hawai'i Dietetic Association (HDA) and its' members have great respect for the profession and specialty of chiropractic medicine. We are aware of the benefits of chiropractic methods to treat conditions of joint dysfunction and their underlying causes. We appreciate the holistic approach that chiropractors take in treating their patients.

The HDA does not oppose SB 657. We do have a concern regarding the use of the term "clinical nutrition" as written in the legislation (page 2, line 8). In SB 657, the term "clinical nutrition" is not defined. Nor is it clear what specific clinical training is obtained and maintained in order to provide clinical nutrition services. We are aware that training in "clinical nutrition" seems to vary quite a bit between medical institutions including chiropractic schools.

Registered Dietitians (RDs) complete very specific didactic programs including clinical nutrition coursework and internships. These programs are accredited through the Commission for Accreditation on Dietetic Education (CADE). CADE is recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. After completing the didactic program, a dietetic intern must pass a final examination before becoming a Registered Dietitian. Roughly half of the RD exam is specific to "Medical Nutrition Therapy"; also referred as "clinical nutrition". RDs are also required to maintain their registration with continual education and training throughout their careers. "Medical Nutrition Therapy" (MNT) is the specific practice of "clinical nutrition" which is treating disease with nutrition. Patients that receive MNT services have medical conditions (or diseases) that require very specialized and individualized nutrition assessment, including review of medications for potential drug/nutrient or herb/drug adverse interactions. In the practice of MNT, the RD provides a nutrition diagnosis, plans an intervention and monitors and evaluates the outcomes. The practice of MNT (clinical nutrition) is provided under strict and standardized practice guidelines supported by the American Dietetic Association using evidence-based medicine. RDs work within a multidisciplinary practice which includes the primary care physician (PCP) and other health professionals directly involved in the care of the patient.

Our concern is that MNT (clinical nutrition) is very specific to RD training and practice. We are not comfortable with the language of "clinical nutrition" in SB 657 without clear definition of the training involved to obtain and maintain competency in this specialized area of nutrition. We are concerned that the practice of "clinical nutrition" is simply not defined, leaving room for "no limits" to the extent of an otherwise specialized, evidenced-based medical service.



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One example of how a clinical nutrition intervention requires the specialization of an RD is in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). As we all know, a growing concern is the rising number of patients with CKD. For each stage of CKD (Stages 1-5) here are specific clinical nutrition guidelines that are followed to minimize complications and/or exacerbation of the disease. For example, these patients have variable levels of serum Potassium and Phosphorus. These levels need to be checked frequently and routinely. Depending on the levels, the RD plans and implements their clinical nutrition intervention. The potential for harm is, in this example, if a patient with high potassium is told to eat more fruits and vegetables, the outcome could be fatal.

HDA consists of over 300 Registered Dietitians (RD), Dietetic Technicians Registered (DTR) and other health professionals. HDA members are on the forefront of the food and nutrition movement in Hawaii.

As President of HDA, I respectfully ask that you consider omitting the word "clinical" so that the bill reads "nutrition" rather than "clinical nutrition".

Thank you for your sincere and earnest consideration of our concerns related to this bill.

Respectfully Yours,

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TESTIMONY OF ALISON POWERS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

9:00 a.m.

SB 657

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, my name is Alison Powers, Executive Director of Hawaii Insurers Council. Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately 40% of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Hawaii Insurer Council **opposes** SB 657. Throughout the early and mid-1990's, property and casualty insurers were under severe scrutiny by the Legislature because of the rising cost of insurance, particularly motor vehicle and workers' compensation insurance. Our analysis showed that increasing medical costs were attributed to the treatment of soft tissue injury, largely by chiropractors. There were a number of law changes from 1993 to 1998 to the motor vehicle insurance law as well as the workers' compensation law. As a result, costs for these types of insurance has decreased significantly and stabilized for a number of years.

Chiropractors have made attempts over the years to expand their scope of practice. Since the motor vehicle insurance law was changed to limit the number of cost of chiropractic reimbursement, they have been successful in adding x-rays to their reimbursement list. We do not believe this change was warranted, nor do we believe any expansion of their scope of practice and reimbursement level is warranted.

The 1997 Legislature dealt with the issues of chiropractic treatment versus other medical disciplines in Act 78. This bill seeks again to expand chiropractic beyond the scope established in that Act after much in depth testimony as to the medical and financial implications. We believe the various medical disciplines, including chiropractic, are appropriately defined in Title 25 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and these amendments should not be enacted.

The consequence of their expanded scope of treatment will be higher costs in these areas. It will erode years of legislative reform and will contribute to increasing medical costs for motor vehicle and workers' compensation insurance. Hawaii Insurers Council is also concerned about the quality of care for injured persons and we believe chiropractors' treatment should be limited to the spine.

Therefore, we respectfully request that SB 657 be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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To: Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

From: Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., D.C., F.I.C.C., District VII Governor,
American Chiropractic Association

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Conference Room 229

Subject: **Support of SB 657, Relating To Chiropractic**

My name is Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., and I am a Doctor of Chiropractic in Hawaii, practicing here for the past 33 years. I currently hold the elected office as the District 7 Governor on the Board of Governors of the American Chiropractic Association. I represent the local Hawaii Doctors of Chiropractic and also represent all the Doctors of Chiropractic in California, Nevada, Guam, American Samoa and the Mariana Islands. The American Chiropractic Association is the largest Chiropractic professional representative organization in the world. I give this as testimony to voice our strong support to the content and intent of **SB 657**. The proposed language in **SB 657** updates and brings our practice act here in Hawaii to current Chiropractic healthcare standards as taught in our accredited Chiropractic Universities in the U.S.

Chiropractic has been practiced in Hawaii since being first recognized by the Hawaii Territorial Legislature in 1925. Since that time, the art and science of healthcare and healthcare delivery has been progressing along with scientific discovery and advancement. As the third largest doctoral-level healthcare profession in the United States, (considering Allopathic Medicine and Dentistry) Chiropractic is also ever advancing.

The language in **SB 657** helps to insure that Doctors of Chiropractic in Hawaii have the opportunity to deliver the "state of the art" Chiropractic care that is current and the most efficacious, following the "best practices" as taught and researched in our centers of higher learning today.

The Chiropractic Practice Act that **SB 657** updates, currently has been interpreted over the years sometimes very narrowly, not taking into consideration the breadth and depth of our training and education. The proposed language of **SB 657** dissolves these ambiguities and misinterpretations, giving deference to our accredited Chiropractic professional institutions and the discretion to our Hawaii Board of Examiners that has been requested for many years by the State of Hawaii conforming all our professional licensing boards.

Please pass **SB 657** from your committee for the sake of the Hawaii healthcare consumer, helping to insure that the Chiropractic care delivered in our islands is best that it can be.



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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Hearing time: 9:00 am

Conference Room: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Paul D. Bickford, D.C., and I **support SB 657.**

SB 657 defines the chiropractic scope of practice more accurate, and reflects the Doctor of Chiropractic's education, and ability to serve patients.

Thank-you,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Bickford", enclosed in a large, loopy oval.

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

RE: Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
 Hearing time: 9:00 am
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FROM: Alice Holm Ogawa, DC
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Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:
My name is Alice Holm Ogawa, DC and I support SB 657.

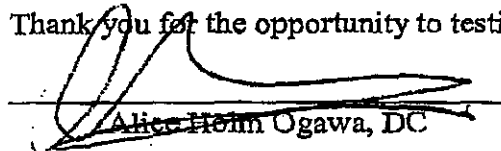
SB 657 serves to modify the existing language of the present version of HRS Chapter 442 to guarantee that all Doctors of Chiropractic licensed in the state of Hawaii are up to the standards that are presently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the United States.

As in other healthcare professions the science of chiropractic, has advanced over time through extensive research. Research has shown chiropractic to be both effective clinically effective as well as cost effective. SB 657 will ensure that as the profession evolves over the years, licensees will be kept to the most current standards of the time.

Chiropractic is a non-drug, non-surgical approach to healthcare. Chiropractors function much like a general practitioner who conservatively manages musculoskeletal spine and extremity disorders of the body. Chiropractors have been thoroughly trained to conservatively treat the musculoskeletal spine and extremity disorders without the use of such drugs or surgery.

The public deserves to have the assurance that the chiropractor they may see practices in a manner that is up to date with current knowledge and standards. SB 657 will provide this assurance and serve to ensure the ongoing protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of SB 657.


Alice Holm Ogawa, DC

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February 23, 2011

Testimony in Support of SB 657, Relating to Chiropractic

Committee: Commerce and Consumer Protection
Chair: Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2011
Hearing Time: 9:00 AM
Conference Room: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Paul Daigle and I support SB 657.

SB 657 serves to change the existing language of the current version of HRS Chapter 442 to ensure that all chiropractors licensed in Hawaii are up to the standards that are currently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the country.

The science of chiropractic, like all healthcare professions has evolved over time. The science has changed as more and more research has been performed. There is much research in support of chiropractic, not only being effective clinically, but also cost effective. SB 657 will ensure that as the profession evolves over the years, licensees will be kept to the most current standards of the time.

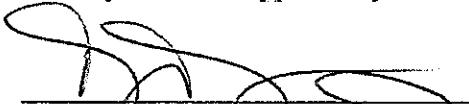
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Medications play a large role in the treatment of these spine and extremity conditions in traditional medicine. Chiropractors have been trained for years to conservatively treat the musculoskeletal spine and extremity disorders without the use of such drugs or surgery.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of SB 657.



Paul Daigle, DC



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February 22, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 1, 2011
Hearing Time: 9:00am
Conference Room: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Paul Thurlow and I support SB657.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB657.

SB657 serves to change the existing language of the current version of HRS Chapter 442 to ensure that all chiropractors licensed in Hawaii are current with the standards of practice presently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the country.

As with all other healthcare professions, the chiropractic profession continually update practice procedures according to current evidence based research and accepted protocols. There is a plethora of research supporting the efficacy, cost effectiveness and safety of chiropractic care. SB657 will ensure that the profession of chiropractic and its' licensees will adhere to the most current standards of practice for subsequent years.

Chiropractic is a drugless, non-surgical approach to healthcare. Chiropractors are taught to treat the entire body from a holistic perspective, as all systems of the body are interrelated. Chiropractors practice as a portal of entry provider for the general public; as such, they are trained to identify a myriad of conditions and disorders. Chiropractors are trained to refer to the appropriate specialist when patients present with conditions or disorders that are outside the chiropractor's scope of training. The general practitioner is also trained to identify conditions outside their scope of practice and refer to the appropriate specialist.

Chiropractors conservatively treat musculoskeletal, spine and extremity disorders of the body. The length of education for a Doctor of Chiropractic parallels that of a Doctor of Medicine, with some overlap, as well as diverging areas of focus. Chiropractors are educated to manage and when necessary co-manage with other healthcare disciplines the musculoskeletal system, spine and extremity disorders without the use of drugs or surgery.

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SB657 will provide the assurance, as is expected and deserved by the public that their chiropractor practices in a manner that adheres to the current research data and standards of practice for the chiropractic profession. This bill will ensure the ongoing protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of SB657.

Dr. Paul Thurlow, DC., DABCO

February 23, 2011

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chairman, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Senator Brian Taniguchi
Vice Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs

RE: Testimony in Support of SB657, Relating to Chiropractic
Hearing, Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 9:00 AM
Conference Room 229

FROM: James A. Pleiss, DC
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Dear Chairman Baker and Vice Chair Taniguchi:

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Chiropractors function much like a general practitioner who conservatively manages musculoskeletal spine and extremity disorders of the body. They too are trained to identify conditions outside their scope and refer to the appropriate specialist. Medications play a large role in the treatment of these spine and extremity conditions in traditional medicine. Chiropractors have been trained for years to conservatively treat the musculoskeletal spine and extremity disorders without the use of such drugs or surgery.

Many of the people that see chiropractors have already seen their medical doctor and are taking up to three different medications for their pain. These medications have severe

and often fatal side effects. NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) are the most common prescribed medication for the treatment of musculoskeletal pain. Not counting over the counter NSAID's, prescription NSAIDs alone are estimated to cause 16,500 deaths per year according to J. S. Hochman, MD, Executive Director for the National Foundation for the Treatment of Pain. He stated on 2/15/2003: "It has been estimated conservatively that 16,500 NSAID-related deaths occur among patients with rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis every year in the United States. This figure is similar to the number of deaths from the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and considerably greater than the number of deaths from multiple myeloma, asthma, cervical cancer, or Hodgkin's disease. If deaths from gastrointestinal toxic effects of NSAIDs were tabulated separately in the National Vital Statistics reports, these effects would constitute the 15th most common cause of death in the United States. Yet these toxic effects remain largely a "silent epidemic," with many physicians and most patients unaware of the magnitude of the problem. Furthermore, the mortality statistics do not include deaths ascribed to the use of over-the-counter NSAIDs."

Over the past 28 years of practice on Maui, I have personally treated over 15,000 individual people. I have seen literally hundreds of these people significantly reduce or eliminate their need for this type of medication due to the chiropractic care that I have provided them. In my clinical experience, chiropractic is an effective treatment for the spine and extremities that reduces the need for many types of medication. This benefit to the people of the State of Hawaii can not be underestimated.

The public deserves to have the assurance that the chiropractor they may see practices in a manner that is up to date with current knowledge and standards. SB657 will provide this assurance and serve to ensure the ongoing protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of SB657.

James A. Pleiss, DC, DABCO

February 24, 2011

RE: Testimony in Support of SB657, Relating to Chiropractic

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Dear Senator Baker and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB657.

SB657 serves to change the existing language of the current version of HRS Chapter 442 to ensure that all chiropractors licensed in Hawaii are up to the standards that are currently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the country. Chiropractic education includes the diagnosis and treatment of the structure and function of the skeletal system by evaluating joint motion and integrity, without ignoring the role of the associated tissues that are integrally involved in joint health.

The science of chiropractic, like all healthcare professions has evolved over time. The science has changed as more and more research has been performed. There is much research in support of chiropractic, not only being effective clinically, but also cost effective. SB657 will ensure that as the profession evolves over the years, licensees will be kept to the most current standards of the time.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of SB657.

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TESTIMONY

Committee: Commerce and Consumer Protection

Chair: Senator Rosalyn Baker

Hearing date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Hearing time: 9:00

Conf. Room: 229

Dear Sen. Baker:

I **support SB 657** which seeks to update the Chiropractic scope of practice to correctly reflect what I have been trained and licensed to do. My Doctorate education, taught me skills and tools needed to properly treat and diagnosis the entire human body. The content of chiropractic curriculum and the quality of education standards is overseen by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), which is the only agency authorized by the U.S. Dept. Of Education to serve in this capacity. As a licensed Chiropractic Physician in the State of Hawaii, I am currently stunted in my ability to care for the people of Hawaii, in the capacity in which I was trained. **Please pass SB 657.** Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

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Dear Sen. Baker and Committee Members:

I am writing to you today in support of SB 657.

SB 657 serves to update the existing language of the current version of HRS Chapter 442 to ensure that all chiropractors licensed in Hawaii practice up to the standards that are presently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the country. This bill will bring Hawaii practitioners up to date and will assure that licensees are able to keep up with current and evolving methods in the future.

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Our present law restricts doctors of chiropractic from providing the best and most cost-effective care to Hawaii's people. The public deserves to be able to receive the full range of alternative care which chiropractors are trained to provide. SB 657 will help ensure the ongoing protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony to your committee in support of SB 657.

Sincerely,


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February 27, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Hearing Time: 9:00 am
Conference Room: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. William Kim Jr. and I support SB 657. I was born and raised in the islands and have been practicing here for the past 22 years. Over the years of practice, I have experienced the disservice to the profession by limiting chiropractic treatment to just the human spine. The Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE) solely authorized by the U.S. Department of Education oversees the chiropractic education I received. It has trained me to evaluate, diagnosis and treat all joints of the human body and not just the joints of the human spine. There have been many times when I could have helped my patients from suffering needlessly. Presently, there are over 280 of us practicing in Hawaii in major and secondary inter-island population areas. Please change our current scope of practice so that we have the legal right to use our expertise in the treatment of the human body, relative to the neuromusculoskeletal (nerve, muscle, bone) system. There are people in pain out there that are hoping for this change so that they may experience a better quality of health through chiropractic care.

Very truly yours



William Kim, D.C.

Clear Chiropractic, L.L.C.

Dr. James Clear, D.C.

Dr. Jenni Clear, D.C.

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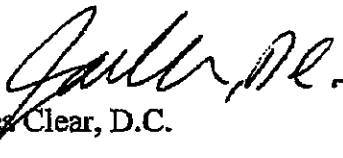
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
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Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. James Clear, D.C. and I support SB 657.

I have been in practice for over 14 years and have held licenses in California for 6 years and Indiana for over 7 years. Both States recognize the importance of correcting the spine and the extremities. By limiting chiropractors to only adjust the spine, is not allowing patients to reap the full rewards of our profession. As chiropractors we are trained in school to perform such care, and to my knowledge, are the only profession to do so with the exception of a complete dislocation as seen on occasion in the emergency room. I know it is in the best interest of patients to have a professional that will be able to help correct a problematic shoulder, or the ankle that keeps getting sprained. We are only asking to provide services that we have been trained to do, and are quite competent at.

Thanks for your consideration,



Dr. James Clear, D.C.

Clear Chiropractic, L.L.C.

Dr. James Clear, D.C.

Dr. Jenni Clear, D.C.

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
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Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
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Thanks for your consideration,



Dr. Jenni Clear, D.C.

SAUER FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC
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February 22, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Hearing Time: 9:00am
Conference Room: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Chris Sauer II, D.C. and I support SB 657. I wanted to briefly provide some talking points as to why I'm in support of SB 657.

Chiropractic is not limited to the treatment of the spine.

1. Although the spine is an area of our expertise and focus, chiropractic is a holistic practice, concerned with the structure and function of the entire human frame.
2. Ever since the opening of its first school in 1896, by B.J. Palmer, the son of the founder of chiropractic, chiropractic education has been concerned about the human body as one system of integrated parts.
3. The current chiropractic scope of practice does a disservice to the profession by restricting it to treatment of the human spine. Since the human frame (skeletal system) is important to the entire body, and since chiropractic education for many decades has incorporated the treatment of the bones and joints of the body, the scope of practice must recognize chiropractors for their expertise in the treatment of the human body, relative to the neuromusculoskeletal system.
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1. Formal chiropractic education is over 100 years old. Today, most chiropractic colleges are accredited learning institutions, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
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3. Chiropractic is the third largest doctoral-level healthcare profession in the U.S., behind medicine and dentistry. There are more than 50,000 licensed and practicing chiropractors in the U.S. alone. Worldwide, there are established chiropractic colleges in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Chiropractic is recognized and practiced in even more countries around the world.

History of chiropractic in Hawaii

1. Chiropractic was first recognized by the Hawaii State Legislature in 1925. At the time, chiropractic was placed under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board.
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. Chris Sauer II, D.C.

February 8, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Hearing time: 9:00 am
Conference Room: 229

FROM: Dr. Eric Wruck, DC
95 Lono Ave. Suite 105
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Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee: My name is Dr. Eric Wruck and I support SB 657.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB234.

SB657 serves to change the existing language of the current version of HRS Chapter 442 to ensure that all chiropractors licensed in Hawaii are up to the standards that are currently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the country. Most states already have recognized these standards.

Chiropractic is more and more accepted as part of mainstream medicine. I for one was the first Chiropractor that attained staff privileges at the Maui Memorial Medical Center and also on the "Oncall" list with the emergency department. I have many MD's that come in as patients as well as refer patients for treatment. We also know that in general Medical clinics are many times over booked and that we have a need for quality patient care. Essentially SB 657 will offer the Chiropractic profession the ability to offer greater spectrum of care for neuro-musculoskeletal conditions and decrease some of the stress applied by these kind of conditions on the medical profession here in Hawaii.

The science of chiropractic, like all healthcare professions has evolved over time. There is a great body of research now that shows the efficacy of Chiropractic treatments and Manipulation. This includes medical research journals and many through Osteopathic Medicine that show that manipulation is effective as treatment as well as cost effective in the marketplace. Contrary to what the Insurance industry wants you to believe Chiropractic is advantageous to cost containment. The science has changed as more and more research has been performed. There is much research in support of chiropractic, not only being effective clinically, but also cost effective. SB 657 will ensure that as the profession evolves over the years, licensees will be kept to the most current standards of the time.

Chiropractic is a non-drug, non-surgical approach to healthcare. Chiropractors are taught to treat the whole body in a holistic approach as all systems of the body are interrelated and have an effect on each other. Chiropractors practice as a portal of entry provider for the general public meaning that we uniquely able to support the medical model in two distinct ways. First, we can lighten the load for non-surgical patients and offer conservative treatment options many times in conjunction with medical pain management offered by an MD for more efficient recovery. Second, we are uniquely able to triage patients (in a fashion) by identifying conditions that people present with which fall outside the scope of chiropractic training and refer them to the appropriate specialist. In my practice this has likely not only saved a patient from serious progression of some conditions, but may have saved their lives as well. This is what we were trained to do, ... this is what we want to do even better.

Chiropractors function much like a general practitioner who conservatively manages musculoskeletal spine and extremity disorders of the body. They too are trained to identify conditions outside their scope and refer to the appropriate specialist. Medications play a large role in the treatment of these spine and extremity conditions in traditional medicine. Chiropractors have been trained for years to conservatively treat the musculoskeletal spine and extremity disorders without the use of such drugs or surgery when possible, and many times reducing the length of time exposed to pain medications when needed in conjunction with conservative therapy. This reduces possibility to addictions which is always a concern.

The public deserves to have the assurance that the chiropractor they may see practices in a manner that is up to date with current knowledge and standards. HB234 will provide this assurance and serve to ensure the ongoing protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Please support SB 657. My patients.... Your voters.... Support this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of SB 657.



Dr. Eric Wruck, DC

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Hearing time: 9:00 am

Conference Room: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:

Our names are Dr.'s Streiter and Amy VanQuaethem and we support SB 657.

Below are some general points that outline some of the reasons chiropractors in Hawaii support SB 657. On a personal note, we have practiced in Washington and California and seen the success that comes with treating a patient as we are taught and tested thoroughly to do as a graduate of an accredited chiropractic college. Adjusting extremities and using therapeutic modalities greatly improves our patients quality of life by offering them quicker results and reduction in symptoms in a natural, drug free way. Please consider passing SB 657 so that we may better serve our community.

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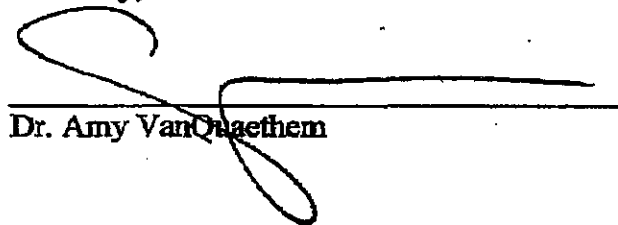
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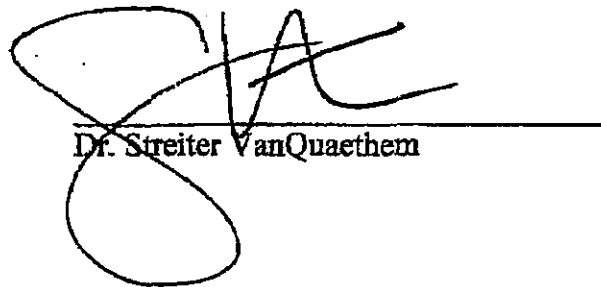
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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,



Dr. Amy VanQuaethem



Dr. Streiter VanQuaethem

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February 25, 2011

Attn: Commerce and Consumer Protection

Sen. Rosalyn Baker

Letter in favor of SB 657

Dear Senator Baker and Colleagues,

As a practicing chiropractor in the State of Hawaii for the last 22 years I have the following comments **in favor of SB657**.

Firstly, it is important to note that the current Hawaii chiropractic scope of practice ***no longer accurately applies to the profession since it limits treatment to only the human spine.***

The current law is inaccurate because chiropractic education for many decades has taught and incorporated the treatment of all bones, muscles, joints and related connective tissue of the body.

As such, it is extremely advisable that the scope of practice in Hawaii should recognize chiropractors for their expertise in the treatment of **all** the human body, relative to the neuromusculoskeletal system.

To wit, please note that the curricula of the **19 accredited chiropractic colleges** include the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of the many problems that can impair the structure and function of the joints, muscles and bones of the human body (including of course, the spine and extremities).

In summary I ask for your support of SB 657 to ensure the profession of Chiropractic the right to practice the services, procedures, and modalities that they have been educated, trained, and certified to perform.

Sincerely,

Edward F. de Deo

2/21/11

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB657 with Amendments

Aloha Senators,

I am in SUPPORT of this measure with Amendments.
Requested Amendments are **Bolded**.

As a working and active adult, I am often troubled by spinal and body pains that affect both the quality of my life and my health. As it stands right now I can't afford chiropractic services because they are not covered by my medical insurance which presently is Quest. The uncorrected pain results in more prescription being taken out, all of which Hawaii pays for. The opportunity to obtain healthcare that actually corrects the problem and handles prevention rather than treating symptoms with drugs, causing additional expensive medical visits and care, is a healthy option and one that reduces financial cost for the State of Hawaii and health costs for me. When my spine and body is adjusted correctly I can do a full days work which improves the financial and mental bottom line of Hawaii and strengthens the medical issues I have educing costs by reducing Doctor visits. Mental health services are covered (24 visits per year). Chiropractic should be covered at least this much or for the most effective results, 2 times per month.

I would like to amend the text in Paragraph 2 starting line 5 to now read:

" Chiropractic is the **whole-body, natural, holistic** system of specific adjustment or manipulation of the joints and tissues of the body and the treatment of the human body by the application of manipulative, manual, mechanical, physiotherapeutic, or clinical nutrition methods for which those persons licensed under this chapter are trained. A person licensed to practice under this chapter may examine, diagnose, and treat patients; provided that the licensee shall not perform surgery or direct the use of legend drugs and services rendered shall be inclusive of and covered by All healthcare plans in the State of Hawaii as other standard and common medical services are and subject to a standard office visit type co-pay are and reciprocal agreements with other States should be in place. Chiropractic is a portal of entry for consumers to obtain beneficial health services from licensees **in combination or in exclusion of common drug related medical therapies** whose practice includes all hygienic, sanitary, and therapeutic measures incident to humans without the necessity of prescribing chemical or drug corrections to heal, treat or realign the spine, joint or tissue. The scope of practice of chiropractic shall include those diagnostic and treatment services and procedures that are taught by accredited chiropractic **and medical** colleges and are approved by the board in accordance with this chapter.

Thank You,

Paige Calahan
PO Box 1380
Puunene, HI 96708

2/21/11

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB657 with Amendments.

Aloha Senators,

I am in SUPPORT of this measure with Amendments.

Requested Amendments are in Red.

I am a senior citizen of Hawaii on a fixed income. I have spine, joint and body pains that affect my health. I have private insurance and this is utilized by the many doctors I see for various health conditions. As it stands right now I can't afford regular chiropractic services because they are not covered by my medical insurance which presently is Blue Cross Blue Shield. When I can not get the adjustments regularly my health deteriorates and I can either not move around well or I become ill from the pain. I then have to go to the medical doctor who wants to prescribe more medication and keep the cash system going. I have less confidence that the medical community is interested in my getting better and not needing their services than I do in my Chiropractor just wanting to fix the problem. All of the medical doctors I see want to prescribe a pill to fix everything and want me in there all the time to make more money. When my Chiropractor works on me, I see the doctors less and medication I have to take is worked into my life instead of my life by the meds.

Please make my healthcare insurance cover the chiropractor visits. Please have this coverage be 100% or for just a small co-pay. ALL of my expendable income goes to paying for this kind of thing. The medical community does not make a lot of money on it but I don't get sick and I feel better. Medicine should be for sick people. Chiropractic is a wellness program.

I choose wellness. Please choose the same.

Thanks You,

Pat Miller
PO Box 1380
Puunene, Maui, HI 96784

2/23/11

Dear Senator Baker

My name is Dr. Ames Chow, D.C. and I support hb234 and sb 657 and 961. I am a Chiropractor on Molokai and I have been in practice for over 20 years. I have saved hundreds from surgery that was unnecessary. Not just spinal surgery but surgery of the hands and feet. Conditions my patients will tell you they felt like they had no choice. This saved them hundreds and thousands of dollars not to mention the pain and suffering. I have been fixing arms and legs for so long without any compensation. This is a waste of money and time for all. If you have ever seen a Chiropractor you would know what I mean. Feel free to call me for a free treatment the next time you are here on Moloka'i to help educate you if you are not familiar with Chiropractic.

Aloha for helping me,

Ames Chow, D.C.

**MILILANI BACK CARE CENTER***Neck & Back Injuries*

Ted Chun, D. C., D. A. B. C. O.

February 23, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Re: SB 657
Hearing Date: Tues. March 1, 2011
Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.
Conference Rm: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 657. My name is Ted Chun and I support SB 657.

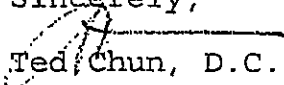
Allowing practicing Chiropractors to treat extremity problems on a conservative basis will enable us to serve our patients in a much more efficient manner. The musculoskeletal system of the human body is a **closed kinematic chain**: more specifically, movement of your neck effects your shoulder joint, movement of your shoulder joint effects your elbow joint etc. In general, if a patient has some type of injury/problem to their spinal structures, via the closed kinematic chain mechanism, it also may affect the closest extremity joint. It is very common for a patient to present with primary complaint of neck discomfort or lower back discomfort with secondary complaints of shoulder or hip pain respectively due to compensation. Allowing Chiropractors to address extremity issues in a conservative manner will enable treatment of our patients in a more efficient and cost effective manner. The following points are also germane to SB 657:

1. Chiropractic education and curriculum has long recognized the above stated closed kinematic chain. It is for that reason that the curriculum of the 19 accredited Chiropractic colleges include evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of extremity injuries.
2. Allowing Chiropractors to address extremity issues in a conservative manner will also be cost effective in minimizing unnecessary referrals to specialists. In many instances, Chiropractors are the first practitioners that the patient is treated by. Allowing early intervention of extremity issues along with care of patient's spinal injuries will reduce unnecessary referrals. Needless to say, we will continue to make appropriate referrals to specialist for patients that are not responding to conservative care.

3. If I may use an analogy of a mechanic, certain companies elect to concentrate on a specific component within the industry. Jiffy Lube, for example, performs mainly oil changes. However, the mechanics are also trained to perform radiator flushes, transmission flushes etc. If the radiator or transmission requires more extensive work, they of course refer thier customers to transmission or radiator shops. The analogy can be compared to Chiropractic treating spinal injuries with adjacent extremity problems. If the extremity problem does not respond to conservative care, we similiarly refer our patients to an Orthopedist.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB 657.

Sincerely,


Ted Chun, D.C., D.A.B.C.O.

KLEIN CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

Robert E. Klein, D.C., F.A.C.O.

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February 25, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Hearing Time: 9:00am
Conference Rm: 229

Dear Sen. Baker and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SB 657.

SB 657 serves to update the existing language of the current version of HRS Chapter 442 to ensure that all chiropractors licensed in Hawaii practice up to the standards that are presently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the country. This bill will bring Hawaii practitioners up to date and will assure that licensees are able to keep up with current and evolving methods in the future.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony to your committee in support of SB 657.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Klein, D.C., F.A.C.O.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:

I am a chiropractic patient in Hawaii, I want to take this opportunity to state my strong support for the legislation being considered to update and refine the existing laws that define Chiropractic Health Care in this state. Chiropractic is an important part of the healing arts and the scope of Chiropractic practices in Hawaii should reflect its dynamic growth and place in the 21st century.

SB657 will change the existing language of the current version of HRS Chapter 442 to ensure that all chiropractors licensed in Hawaii are up to the standards that are currently being taught in accredited chiropractic colleges across the country. The House and Senate bills will further provide the language that allows Chiropractors in Hawaii to treat patients as they have been taught to do and brings our Hawaii laws up to current standards.

I urge you to please help clear the path for Chiropractic in Hawaii to better serve our health care needs."

Respectfully,

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2011
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Dear Senator Baker and members of the committee:

My name is Sheryl A. Pancipanci and I support SB 657.

I am a client of Doctor Christopher K. Piianaia as I have a physically demanding job and often need Chiropractic Adjustments. These adjustments have helped me tremendously and have afforded me the opportunity to continue working with adults with disabilities (a job I love).

I am able to live my life with minimal pain and with reduced amounts of medication. He and his staff are genuinely caring to both my developmentally disabled daughter and myself. As I am her primary care giver I bring her to my appointments.

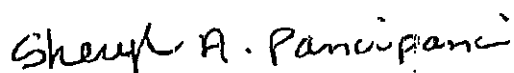
Doctor Chris takes the time to talk to me about my changing needs, shows me various exercises to work on the equipment he provides at his practice as well a few to work on at home so I can maintain a healthy body and mind. If I have any concerns or need to see him right away he and his staff are very accommodating.

Recently, as a part of my ongoing treatment, I received Massage Therapy. He arranged for the Licensed Therapist to work out of his office as a convenience to me. I am very appreciative of his care and support SB 657 on his behalf as I know he has the Education and Knowledge of the Neuromusculoskeletal System to warrant an update to the Chiropractic Scope of Practice.

Should you need to contact me refer to my address below:

Sheryl A. Pancipanci
94-528 Mea'aina Place
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

Sincerely,



Sheryl A. Pancipanci

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair**

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Testimony for CPN 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB657

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Janice Ferguson, RN

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Submitted on: 2/25/2011

Comments:

Chiropractors should have the right to practice the services, procedures and modalities that they have been educated, trained, and certified to perform.

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Comments:

In 1988 Wisconsin, where I previously practiced, passed similar legislation. Their legislature understood that the chiropractors were trained in the whole body, not just the spine. In addition to classes in school (1965) I received certification in Sports Medicine in 1981 and was appointed to the Gov's Council on Physical Fitness & Health in 1983. Please approve this bill and move it forward appropriately. Thank you.
DFL

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Comments:

Doctors of chiropractic should be able to service the people of Hawaii with the highest quality care possible. To insure excellence in care, Chiropractors should have the right to practice the services, procedures, and modalities that they have been educated, trained, and certified to perform.

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Comments:

Chiropractors should be able to do most of what they were well trained to do in chiropractic college, such as evaluate, diagnose and treat all of the joints and associated tissues of the body's entire skeleton for improvement of the structure and functions of the joints and the rest of the body.

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Comments:

As a long time chiropractic patient in Hawaii, I want to take this opportunity to state my strong support for the legislation being considered to update and refine the existing laws that define Chiropractic Health Care in this state. Chiropractic is an important branch of the healing arts and its scope in Hawaii should reflect its dynamic growth and place in the 21st century.

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I urge you to please help clear the path for Chiropractic in Hawaii to better serve our health care needs.

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Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Karisa Ferguson

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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

Chiropractors should not be limited to treatment of the spine, but should be able to evaluate, diagnose, and treat joint of the entire human frame and associated tissues to improve both structure and function. The world needs chiropractors, so chiropractors should have the right to practice the services, procedures, and modalities that they have been educated, trained, and certified to perform.

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Submitted by: Connie Clausen
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Comments:

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February 25, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony in Support of SB657, Relating to Chiropractic
Hearing: Tuesday March 1, 2011, 9:00 AM
Conference Room 229

FROM: Holly Thurlow, RN, BScN
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Dear Sen. Baker and members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB657.

I have had the opportunity to experience the benefit of chiropractic first hand. As well, while working in a chiropractors' office intermittently throughout my nursing career, I have been witness to many others' who have benefitted from chiropractic. However, when working in hospitals as a RN, even while being cognizant of proper body mechanics, injuries still occur when transferring heavy patients. I herniated my lumbar spine and was scheduled for surgery. I decided to utilize chiropractic treatment in the hope of avoiding surgery. That was well over a decade ago and I have remained mobile and relatively pain free without ever undergoing surgical intervention.

I have personally utilized chiropractic for issues related to my spine, as well as treatment of extremities such as lateral epicondylitis (tennis elbow), bursitis and ankle sprains. I have found treatment extremely beneficial, long lasting and cost effective. Additionally, after years of accessing medical intervention, I have seen many patients find relief with chiropractic care from varied conditions which they thought they would have to live with for the rest of their life.

I am aware of the education of MD's and DC's and appreciate the capabilities and knowledge of both these disciplines. While I would be accessing a MD for internal organ concerns and disease entities, I would seek the care of a chiropractor for issues related to my musculoskeletal system.

There has been prolific research to date demonstrating the advantages of chiropractic. Improved patient outcomes are well documented; such as increased comfort and mobility in both the short and long term and less potential side effects (such as those which are drug related).

It is in the best interest of the people of Hawaii to be able to access the full potential benefits offered by chiropractic care. Please unshackle this profession so they may provide the valuable care for which they have been educated.

Sincerely,

Holly Thurlow

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/23/2011

Comments:

I am opposed to increasing the scope of chiropractic 'medicine' in any form whatsoever. Their claims of 'spinal curavture' in nearly every single human being is false and is nearly malpractice. The spine is designed to move, it is formed with spongy-like materials set between two disks. The disks and other materials are flexible and should move. Their scope is broad enough. One such 'doctor' told me that I had 'curvature of the spine' this was completely laid to rest by the U.S. Navy's Medical team on the USS Mercy docked in Suva in 1987-88. I have no such condition and merely needed an anti-inflammatory prescribed by a real Medical Doctor, and learned a series of exercises to strengthen the back. Thank you.

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Submitted by: Susan Stayton
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/22/2011

Comments:

"As a long time chiropractic patient in Hawaii, I want to take this opportunity to state my strong support for the legislation being considered to update and refine the existing laws that define Chiropractic Health Care in this state.

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I urge you to please help clear the path for Chiropractic in Hawaii to better serve our health care needs."

Respectfully,
Susan Stayton
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February 18, 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 657, Relating to Chiropractic
Hearing, Thursday, March 1, 2011, 9:00 AM
Conference Room 229
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI

FROM: Gerald C. Simmons
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Dear Chairman Baker and Vice Chair Taniguchi:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 657.

This bill has been introduced to better reflect what Chiropractors in the state of Hawaii are educated and taught in nationally accredited chiropractic colleges. HB234 will ensure that as the profession evolves over the years, licensees will be kept to the most current standards of the time.

The current chiropractic scope of practice does *not* allow the profession to practice what they have been educated, tested and licensed to practice in the State of Hawaii. The current chiropractic scope of practice does a disservice to the profession and the public by restricting it to treatment of the spine only. Patients should be allowed to have chiropractors practice the services, procedures, and modalities that they have been educated, trained and certified to perform.

The public deserves to have the assurance that the chiropractor they may see practices in a manner that is up to date with current knowledge and standards. HB234 will provide this assurance and serve to ensure the ongoing protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of SB 657.



Gerald C. Simmons

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Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: MaryLu Kelley

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Submitted on: 2/21/2011

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2011

Comments:

As a person who has used chiropractic services in Hawaii for more than 20 years, I am writing in support of this bill, as I believe it will ensure that chiropractors licensed here are up to the standards now being taught in accredited colleges throughout the nation.

The language of the laws defining chiropractic health care needs to be updated, and I appreciate your efforts on behalf of a healing art that has made a very positive difference in my own life.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Submitted by: Craig Millett
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Submitted on: 2/22/2011

Comments:

Dear Senator Baker and Committee,

"Writing as long time chiropractic patient in Hawaii, I want to take this opportunity to state my strong support for the legislation being considered to update and refine the existing laws that define Chiropractic Health Care in this state.

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Thank You, Craig Millett, Kalaheo, Kauai