

Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
March 29, 2011 at 9:00 am - Room 229
Re: SCR-8, Support

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Dear Sen. Baker, Chair, Sen. Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Committee members:

I am a naturopathic physician. Please request the auditor assess the social and financial effects of requiring health insurers to provide coverage for naturopathic medicine.

On February 3, 2011, Howard Lee, President of the Hawai'i Association of Health Plans submitted testimony to you, the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection which respectfully requested that "the Auditor be requested to perform a study on mandating naturopathic services." On the same day, Mark Oto, Director - Government Relations, HMSA submitted testimony which also requested "the Legislature have the Auditor conduct a revised study of these services." I believe it is good to work together and cooperate. I'm glad that both of these organizations were in support of the Auditor performing such a study.

I believe an audit will find that requiring health insurers to provide coverage for naturopathic medicine will have social and financial benefits to the people who live in the State of Hawai'i. Naturopathic medicine is helpful and cost effective for a wide range of health conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

Dear Mr. Baker,

I have repeatedly requested to be seen by a naturapath for my ongoing medical issues, and have been refused since the institution I work with does not support these types of medical providers. I feel very disappointed because I have been on antibiotics for the same re-occurring medical problems for the past 6 months, the symptoms are present one week and diminish after a dose of prescription antibiotics. My body has become immune to the weaker antibiotics and now each time I visit the doctor I require something stronger. I visited a naturapath recently who diagnosed and recommended some herbal and natural methods and my symptoms and ailments both have completely been cleared. It is a relief to know how to treat the problem, not just cover up the problem by treating the symptoms, which is what pharmaceutical companies encouraged for years. My health has deteriorated due to prescription drugs mainly, after serving in the military for over 17 years and being prescribed one antibiotic after another, how can my body recover over a 30 day period? I don't want generations of children to suffer similarly to what I have gone through. I hope that we do what is best for humans, not our money hungry pharmaceutical companies. I humbly request health insurance providers accept coverage for visits to a naturapath, it is the ethical way to a better society.

Thank you for taking the time and listening,

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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

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SCR 8 Support

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF
REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR NATUROPATHIC
MEDICINE.

We want to thank the Honorable Senators for taking the time to consider this important public health measure. Although it does seem very redundant. Wellness saves money, we all know that.

Other than narrow minded medical doctors does anybody think that a healthy lifestyle, lower medical costs, better health and less disability would have an adverse impact?

The first Legislative Auditor's Study that looked at the real world impact demonstrated positive social and financial impact, that the inclusion of Naturopathic Medical services SAVED MONEY, was met with the political statement that

“WE RATHER WASTE MONEY, HARM PUBLIC HEALTH, MAKE PEOPLE SUFFER AND DIE AND EARLY AND UNTIMELY DEATH THAN LET PEOPLE SEE NATUROATHIC PHYSICIANS.”

THANK YOU VERY MUCH STATE OF HAWAII

Do you expect this to get any better political response the second time around.

In today's medical economy it is difficult to find anything more cost effective than Wellness. That is why Wellness is mandated in the Obama Health Care Reform plan. Who are you going to rely upon for wellness, an MD trained in drug therapy or a Naturopathic Physician trained in wellness.

Even HMSA VP Medical Director ears perked up when I told him of my Natural Cancer Wellness. Vitamin C really does Cure Cancer, not a cure all but 90% will live longer and feel better with better results from regular oncology.

Vitamin C iv can selectively kill human cancer cells but not patients they get healthier and healthier

instead of sicker and sicker for ten cents on the dollar.

Let's see what would be the social impact of curing cancer without any toxic chemotherapy? Hum, I think that would be well received if a person's family saw their loved one getting healthier and happier with more energy with each Naturopathic treatment. Cancer getting smaller and the person getting healthier while saving hundreds of thousands of dollars. That seems like a win win win.

Every Health Care service delivered by Naturopathic Physicians is already covered by existing health care contracts often by less educated, less trained, less qualified providers. Any service not already covered by other providers would not be and should not be mandated by the inclusion of Naturopathic Physicians.

Current Law HRS 393-7 c3A already requires coverage for Naturopathic Physicians since only the State can license physicians not HMSA. I personally am most hopeful that the current administration supports the inclusion of Naturopathic Physicians under current Law HRS 393-7 c3A.

I have asked the Governor and the Naturopathic Board to fine HMSA for each and every policy violation of HRS 455 based upon HRS 393-7 c3A.

HMSA is not allowed to define "licensed physician".

The intent of the Legislative Auditors Study is to prevent Naturopathic Physician coverage that is already mandated by Law.

Instead you go for the worst health care system on the Planet by following the AMA Drug Company complex and harming Naturopathic Medicine and Wellness in Hawaii.

Medical Doctors in Hawaii don't want ND insurance coverage because their patients might "get confused" and fall into Wellness and Long Life.

What you got some kind of shortage of disease in Hawaii? Not enough sick patients? Afraid you might save too much money? You give money away to other less qualified providers to provide Naturopathic Physician Services but you won't "level the playing field" for the same service provided by a more highly trained provider.

Why do you participate in federal FTC crimes to loose money and harm patients?

You all love to loose money and harm people just out stubborn ignorance and denial.

I support your Legislative Auditor's study but I support following existing law more.

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I would like my health insurer to cover naturopathic medicine.