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To Whom It May Concern,

Below is from an e-mail and I could not say it any better (emphasis mine):

"The American Dietetic Association (ADA) has sponsored legislation much like this in over 40 states. **This is the organization that lists among its corporate sponsors soft drink giants Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, cereal manufacturers General Mills and Kellogg's, and candy maker Mars.**

Under this bill, nutritionists must go through the dietetic program and licensure in order to practice many essential nutrition services – even though nutritionists are often far more qualified (many with PhDs) and approach nutrition with an entirely different philosophy.

HB 2570 effectively creates a monopoly on nutrition services exclusively for dietitians that would:

- Deny consumers access to expert advice from nutritionists;
- Reduce your access to choice in healthcare;
- Put many practicing nutritionists out of business."

I think the above says it all. I have dealt with dieticians at hospitals and all they push is some of the worse foods imaginable like Carnation type Ensure, sugared-up applesauce, and margarine to my sick mother. (I often brought her my own cooked food from home to eat.)

Now we will have them "officially" pushed on us but there will be no increase in nutrition, only increase in profits from giant food companies. This is not about nutrition at all!

Sincerely,

Nelson L.

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: karen siclare
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Submitted on: 1/30/2012

Comments:

I wish to voice my opposition to the bill above as it represents an attempt by one group of qualified nutrition professionals to exert a monopoly over the business of nutrition counseling. These professionals, namely RDs, hold an undergraduate degree in nutrition. The bill as written would exclude all others from giving nutrition counseling including those with masters level and PhD level degrees in nutrition. This clearly is NOT a bill to provide quality nutrition services to the public but rather an attempt to "own" the profession. As a director of a graduate program in nutrition and a clinical nutritionist myself in CT, it is amazing to me that such a bill would be considered for passage. It is very important for patients to see a credentialed nutritionist when seeking services but that should not be limited to one degree or organization. Please do not pass this bill and work with nutrition professionals from the various levels of certification and education to create a bill that protects the public as well as their freedom of choice in healthcare.. thousands of nutrition professionals will be driven out of work if this bill is passed as is.

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Submitted by: Brian Lehmann
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Comments:

I am writing to voice my strongest opposition to HB 2570.

Of greatest concern is the fact that this bill effectively creates a monopoly on nutrition services for dietitians, denying consumers access to expert advice from nutritionists, some of the most highly educated and well-respected professionals in the field of nutrition.

As the bill is currently worded only a licensed dietitian shall "practice dietetics" or medical nutrition therapy. "Dietetics practice" as defined in the bill encompasses a wide range of nutrition services including the integration and application of scientific principles of nutrition, biochemistry and food in achieving and maintaining human health. These are services performed routinely by many qualified and practicing nutritionists.

Consequently, under this bill, nutritionists are forced to become licensed as dietitians in order to practice. Requiring one profession, i.e. nutritionists, to complete a program from a different profession, i.e. a dietitian, in order to practice nutritional therapy is absurd. This ignores the vast philosophical difference between nutritionists and dietitians, which are two entirely different fields of study and practice.

The negative implications of HB 2570 are far-reaching.

It is bad for Hawaii's economy. This bill would effectively eliminate an entire profession and removes all competition in the field of nutrition services.

It dampens freedom of choice in healthcare: Nutritionists and dietitians have entirely different philosophical approaches. Each individual has unique nutritional needs. This demands various different approaches to nutritional care and consequently individuals require access to choice - not just a one-size-fits-all approach.

It threatens to increase chronic health indicators among Hawaii's citizens: Nutritionists practice an integrative approach to medicine and concentrate on prevention and treatment of chronic disease. Public policy demands that access to nutritionists should be broadened, not reduced.

It penalizes a higher standard of education and training: Standards and requirements for the practice of nutritionists are most often much higher than the standards for dietitians described in this bill. For example, Certified Nutrition Specialists certified by the

Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists (CBNS) have a Master's degree at a minimum, usually a PhD, yet are excluded by this bill unless they meet the lower credentialing requirements required of dietitians.

Please oppose HB 2570!

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Submitted on: 1/30/2012

Comments:

I am a Certified Clinical Nutritionist and Doctor of Chiropractic, (Magna cum laude, New York Chiropractic College, 1984 and Michigan State University, BA, Magna cum laude, 1975). I have been in practice in the state of Hawaii for 24 years.

Please vote NO to HB2570, the Dietitian Monopoly Bill.

There is no benefit whatsoever to the state of Hawaii from this bill. This bill makes the many other types of more educated and accredited nutritionists, illegal! Are you looking to penalize higher education and training? In order to give the dietitians a monopoly they want, an entire profession is eliminated. Taxpayers in this state are seeking the unique services of a more educated nutritionist. My practice has a two month waiting list! There are no services from a dietitian that help the patient determine the nutritional deficiencies or toxicities that may underlie their health problem. In addition, my practice attracts health tourists year round. I routinely have patients schedule healing vacations and appointments in Hawaii from all over the world -- Japan, Guam, Saipan, New York, California, Italy, Slovenia, Germany...just for the outstanding nutritional services I provide. My nutritional business pays taxes that would no longer be forthcoming if this bill passes. This bill is bad for the economy, bad for patients, bad for freedom of choice and bad for the well educated nutritionists of the state (Masters degree and better). This state cannot afford to lose more excellent health professionals!

Again, please vote NO to HB 2570, the Dietitian Monopoly Bill.

Thank you.

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Mahalo for your sincere consideration of this important difference between Dietitians and Nutritionists. Each has their place in our society and perhaps each need to be licensed for their practices are quite different as well as the outcomes of their practices, for example dietitians have designed Hawaii's Schools lunch meals for years yet so many of the students are over weight and have difficulty learning (see the school achievement test results) and few will say that the lunches are the best they could be for the enormous sums spent on the school lunch programs. Nutritionists would greatly help Hawaii's school age children learn by changing the food choices to more nutritious items which nourish the children's brains and entire bodies, not just the taste buds of their mouths as the dietitians tend to do.

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