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**Testimony Supporting HB 845  
Relating to Acupuncture Board  
February 1, 2013**

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice-Chair  
House Committee on Health (HLT)

From: Wai Hoa Low, DAOM, MBA, L.Ac.  
President/CEO  
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I am writing to express my **strong support for HB 845** that requires acupuncture applicants for the use of the doctor of acupuncture title to complete their doctoral studies from an institution recognized by the United States acupuncture accrediting body or from a foreign institution that is licensed, approved, or accredited by the applicable governmental authority in that respective foreign jurisdiction.

However, this bill does not include the Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree designation "DAOM" which is the current title used extensively by practitioners that have completed their accredited doctoral studies. The DAOM title is the approved designation by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM). Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Please feel free to contact me at (808) 521-2288 or email [whlow@orientalmedicine.edu](mailto:whlow@orientalmedicine.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
House Committee on Health

January 29, 2013

Dear Representative Belatti,

This short letter is to give strong support for HB 845. This bill requires acupuncture applicants who wish to use the title of Doctor of Acupuncture to have completed doctoral requirements from a recognized institution in the U.S. or by an institution similarly recognized by a foreign government.

It should be noted that the Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine degree is a currently recognized title and one that is approved for use by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

This is an important issue for acupuncturists in Hawaii and I hope that our association's input will be considered in your decision making process. At this time our association

is the main group representing acupuncturists in Hawaii. If I can provide you with any further information please feel free to contact me at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Twentyman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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**HB845**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kurt Hanson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm against licenser of occupations - why would an acupuncturists need to be licensed? Milton Friedman was against licenses as they give control of occupations to the state and diminish the free market. Do state legislatures need licenses to work?

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