



SB2070
RELATING TO NATUROPATHY
Senate Committee on Health

February 10, 2014

1:15 p.m.

Room 229

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) provides the following **COMMENTS** on SB2070, which could potentially hinder the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian birthing practices by requiring a specialty certificate for practicing “childbirth attendance.”

This measure prohibits the practice of “childbirth attendance” by naturopathic physicians who do not hold a to-be-developed specialty certificate, without defining or indicating the scope of activities that “childbirth attendance” entails. In addition to other requirements, naturopathic physicians wishing to practice “childbirth attendance” must also pass a nationally standardized test administered by an unidentifiable, continent-based licensing organization.¹ OHA is concerned that these provisions may effectively prohibit long-established traditional Native Hawaiian birthing practices, and thereby significantly hinder the ability of Native Hawaiians to perpetuate an important cultural practice.

We understand the importance of ensuring that licensed physicians receive some level of training and credentials. We note that as early as 1865, Kamehameha V began issuing licenses to Hawaiian kahuna. However, we do not believe that the regulation of traditional health practices, including traditional birthing practices, is the responsibility of the State of Hawai‘i. This is more appropriately considered as a kuleana of the Native Hawaiian traditional healing community. OHA and this legislature have supported the systematic collection and organization of the vital knowledge and practices of Native Hawaiian traditional healers, who have demonstrated a wealth of safe, effective and time-tested medical knowledge. We have and will continue to support these practitioners, as presented to us by Papa Ola Lōkahi and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

¹ The referenced “national naturopathic profession licensing organization” that would provide a “supplemental examination in childbirth practice” does not appear in online searches or in compiled listings of naturopathic licensing organizations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Chen	Paradise Action Womens Alliance	Oppose	No

Comments: We OPPOSE making it more difficult for homebirth practitioners to do their work!

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Sandra	Individual	Oppose	No

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Stacy Wright	Individual	Oppose	No

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To: Honorable Chair and Committee members of Health and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

Hearing date 2-10-14 1:15pm, room 229

RE: SB2070 Relating to Naturopathy

In Opposition of SB2070

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I encourage the committee chair and members to please refer to testimony given for SB2569 and SB2569 SD1 for more on home birthing and the importance of it in our community.

How and where women choose to give birth, and with whom, is their choice, not the State's.

My name is Keoki Medeiros and I live in Wailuku and work as a registered nurse in emergency care on the island of Maui. I am writing as a concerned constituent regarding SB2569. I am asking you to vote NO on this bill. I appreciate the concerns for birthing women and babies in Hawaii. However, I do not support SB2569. This bill would cause women to seek homebirths illegally which would greatly reduce the safety of homebirth. This bill also does not recognize the Certified Professional Midwife, the only nationally credentialed and recognized midwife specifically trained in a homebirth setting. I also am in opposition to SB 2070, which restricts naturopaths, and would severely harm the practices of longstanding naturopathic midwives who have assisted SO many women in perpetuating their respective cultural birthing traditions. Please do not pass SB2569, but instead support homebirth midwives who can truly improve women's and family's health on the islands of Hawaii. Women of Hawaii must have access to safe homebirths with midwives.

Thank you for your attention on this issue, please vote NO on SB2569 & SB2070,

Sincerely,

Keoki Medeiros RN

To: Honorable Chair and Committee members of Health and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

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Norman Brant Kelsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Midwifery has been practiced successfully in this state. I see no compelling interest for the State in 2014 to establish another entity, or Board to further complicate what has been a traditional practice. This proposed bill simply goes over the top to vest power in another political process of appointees, the invariable abuses that will occur: And though the language attempts to take physicians and Board Members off the hook from a liability point of view. It really affords little protections for the "applicant" And affords broad latitude and powers to the Board. A Board with no oversight. This is a very bad bill: With ill defined necessity and a one way street to certain abuse. I oppose the Bill. Don't see the Necessity for a compelling interest. It's said that the Road to Hell is paved with good intentions: I'm not even certain of the intentions. But I am certain if this bill were to be passed. It would only be a matter of time until Hell is unbleached from this board and the terms of unfair, arbitrarily, and capricious resound from the community and another ineffective constraint on a proven for the most part successful practice. Stay away. Don't meddle any further in these things.....Please. Brant Kelsey The STATE has absolutely no business whatsoever in these matters. Any Legislation any Law will fall to constitutional challenge. These are personal choices even Spiritual Religious Choices. These ARE inalienable rights: The absurd conclusion? Arresting a mother, a mid-wife and a family in a chosen birth place not sanctioned by the state? Where is the compelling interest of the State? And even if moderately shown: Should such an interest over ride the inherent inalienable right to live as free men and women. Not only is this proposed legislation unconstitutional but it is immoral. Insult to injury WE have to approach THEM with our beggars bowl and plead for them not to SHIT on us again..... Another insult. They must be stopped.

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Dana G. Moss	Individual	Oppose	No

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roger strong	Individual	Oppose	No

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William Navran	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Birthing belongs to the families and their choices need to be respected. These bills will make it impossible for Homebirth to be a choice.

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Jan Murray	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose SB2070

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Angela Huntemer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Families should be allowed to have their babies at home if they choose. They should be allowed to choose who they want there.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dena Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a mother of six children, four of whom were born at home, I strongly believe that we need to make homebirth accessible to all mothers and avoid unnecessary legislation and bureaucracy that threaten to get in the way of the innate right that all women need to have (to birth where they feel safe and empowered). Thank you for opposing this bill.

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Lucia You	Individual	Oppose	No

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fred hofer	Individual	Oppose	No

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claudia rice	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dear Honorable Chair and Committee members of Health and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

Hearing date 2-10-14 1:15pm rm 229

RE: SB2070 Relating to Naturopathy

OPPOSE

I am writing in OPPOSITION to bill SB2070. I do not support further certification of naturopathic physicians doing home births at this time. Naturopathic physicians have been attending home births as part of their scope of practice since Chap 455 became law in 1925. If further regulation is needed, which is still up for more debate, then one unified act with ALL the home birth practitioners should be the consideration. Unify, not divide. Home birth is a midwifery model, not a medical model. Thank you for considering this testimony.

Dina Lloyd, LSW
Mother of natural home birthed children
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joy cash	Individual	Oppose	No

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: aloha, this is counter-productive and goes against thousands and eons of years of human interaction and self-sufficiency -- and personal choice. mahalo for opposing this bill.

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alicia morrier	Individual	Oppose	No

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Honorable Senate Committee Health Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and Committee Members

RE: SB 2070 Relating to Naturopathy

Hearing Date: February 10, 2014

Time: 1:15 PM

Place: Room 229

My name is Wade Wolfe and I live and work on the Big Island of Hawaii. I am a graduate of U.H. Hilo and am currently completing my final semester of graduate school at U.H. Manoa. I am a long time patient and supporter of Naturopathic Medicine and supporter of home birth. My eight year old son is a wonderful example of a successful home birth.

I am testifying on SB 2070 and respectfully ask that you OPPOSE this bill in its current form for the following reasons.

Natural Childbirth at home has been a part of Naturopathic Medicine and included in our Hawaii Statute (Chapter 455 created in 1925) for about 90 years. This statute currently contains excellent standards of practice which are continually scrutinized and revised to meet the needs of our time. In addition, there are many other states like ours where natural childbirth is included in the scope of practice of Naturopathic Physicians.

I do not see any legitimate reason or evidence that natural childbirth at home should be further regulated. Looking at our local statistics, home births show the lowest mortality risk outcomes. On average in the state of Hawaii there are 18,000 total births per year, of which 2300 occur on the Big Island.

1. Average total fetal deaths per year: from 2004-2011=1000 per year (5.5%).
2. Hawaii has a state wide C-section rate of 25%, Big Island 30%, and Oahu 25%.
3. 345 home births per year ... total fetal deaths 2004-2013= <1 per year (< .5%).

In conclusion, further regulation of natural home birth is unnecessary when considering the relevant statistical data and strong support of Naturopathic Medicine and Home Birth in the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony in opposition to SB 2070.

Wade Wolfe

Individual Testimony

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Graham Ellis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Terez Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Senate Committee on Health Chairman Green, Vice-Chair Baker and other Members:

RE: SB 2070 Relating to Naturopathy

I am submitting this testimony in support of this measure in its intent. There have been very few to no adverse incidents related to naturopathic physicians attending low risk home births in Hawaii in the past several decades. However, ND's in Hawaii may attend home births with a credential from another state or have no credential.

The American College of Naturopathic Obstetrics (ACNO) requires 15 supervised births attended and 100 hours of the OB curriculum to sit for the ACNO exam. States that require obstetrical certification may need between 40 -100 supervised births to qualify (plus passage of ACNO exam).

There are about a half dozen ND's that attend home births in Hawaii and this measure would benefit with a grandfathering of ND's practicing home birth attending for more than 10 years or have met an equivalent standard in another state.

Thank you for your consideration and support of ND's whom have provided an alternative to safe birthing of our keiki.

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My name is Jennifer Bonifacio and I **oppose** SB2070.

This bill is an obvious measure to limit the availability of naturapathic care to the growing number of people who are turning away from allopathic care. This is also just another version of SB2569.

It is similar to the obvious control on organic farm certification versus conventional farming. There are too many hoops that an organic farmer (who wants to be labeled USDA Organic) has to jump through. They also spend a lot of money just for certification and time for required documentation. Whereas a conventional farmer is subsidized and does not have to go through the same hoops and spend a lot for the annual or semi-annual certification.

I'm not saying that doctors are subsidized but allopathic medicine has more insurance coverage than natural/alternative medicine. Additionally, allopathic care is regulated and controlled by the industry.

Finally, who makes up the board mentioned in the bill? Are the board members already biased against naturapathic physicians? I have a feeling that whomever makes up the board, it will be biased against natural medicine.

Again, I oppose this bill.

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Aloha,

As a father of two kids, and hearing this bill, I began to be very concerned about my future, and what will when I choose to have another kid if these types of laws are passed! There are several choices as a parent and citizen that are currently available, and with these terms in law making, become unavailable and a crime. Options for a safe and healthy baby become limited, and that is a major health and safety concern!

I chose to have a home birth with my two kids. Both were healthy and safely born in Kailua! I had spent several times in a hospital, and go there when I'm sick, but don't feel that it was the safest place to have my children. I chose to have home birth because statistically it is safer, and has been the standard way to have babies for thousands of years across cultures of our world. I also wanted doctors I knew the names of and are the same through my wife's prenatal thru birth and post pardon, which is not available in hospital settings on Oahu.

These proposed laws are to be about the safety of our people which is what law there for. Unfortunately they are not written in that fashion. Statistics shows the safety of home births, yet the alternate medicine found in hospitals is now trying to monopolize the business of being born! This is a policy move to acquire more patients by the hospitals and have insurance companies actually pay out with tandem care transitioning patients. It also requires a license certification from a monopoly, when there are currently places to gain licenses in US. It is obviously written for the profiteers of these corporations, and not the health and safety of our new born citizens and families.

This is a human rights issue! People should be free to birth the way they feel is appropriate, especially when its is proven to be safe! Not only should women have these writes, but fathers, families, all races! This bill as written would make our native Hawaiian birthing practices illegal as well, which is unconstitutional!

I agree that people should have some form of education, maybe even certification to deliver babies. But there are many ways to get that. I can't understand how a doctor who has delivered hundreds



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or thousands of babies for over 10-50 years would not be as qualified and need the additional paperwork. The way these laws are proposed, that helping hand would risk criminal charges for helping someone be born, which is quite ridiculous! And if there is a board to meet and oversee future midwifery, make it balanced and make it about the types of birthing they will be associated with!

Maybe the laws should be rewritten and require the hospitals to practice the way midwives at home births do, and have some birth centers funded here on Oahu by the government so we have another safe option to birth! There is a time and place where it is necessary to have the extra fancy tools to help with extreme situations for children that in history would not have survived. However for me, and my family, the safest place to have my kids is at home, and I am writing to retain that right as an American Citizen!

Enjoy the Day

Ted

Edward Clark

February 10, 2014

Re: SB2070 Relating to Naturopathy

Dear Honorable Chair and Committee members of Health and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I oppose the current format of proposed bill as of utmost importance is the fact that it is a one-sided and an uneducated proposition. We need a collaboratory established to cover all aspects of the issue.

I attempted to have a home birth in December 2010 for my first and only child. I chose home birth as an option as I preferred natural birthing and being in touch with my body. I wanted to experience my natural mothering abilities during the birthing process. I was glad to have experienced midwives and doulas to guide me in this situation. Our civilization has lost touch with our natural abilities and therefore we rely on others to tell us what to do.

My experience took me into both areas of Western Medicine and the home birthing community. I utilized both as an added safeguard and feel very fortunate to have both options to complement one another if needed. Initially I started seeing the Western Medicine doctors to establish that pregnancy was moving along smoothly. Then I moved into the home birthing area for the remaining two phases of the trimester in pregnancy.

During my birth after a day of labor I decided to go to the hospital as an instinctual thing since my labor seemed to have stalled. At the hospital I was given the opportunity to have natural birth which was greatly appreciated. My labor was still stalled with Western Medicine techniques of medications to assist labor. After almost another day in the hospital my son showed signs of distress and needed to have a C-section to get him out.

My experience exposed me to some of the conflicts of the two communities. There was an obvious bias with Western medicine community towards home birthing and natural birth. And within the home birthing community there was a desire to locate a doctor with an open mind to accommodate natural options as much as possible. I found my experience in the hospital very disconcerting. I felt pressured by some of the hospital staff to bottle feed versus breast feeding as an example. I also felt slightly scrutinized by some of the staff for coming in after attempting a home birth.

There is no cohesion at all between the two sects on birthing practices. However, there is a growing number of people choosing home birth and therefore it should not be outlawed. Guidelines may be needed or updated to ensure safety and quality of service but not outlawed. This is a tradition that was in place long before Western medicine and should be allowed to continue as an option. Based on my experience if a proposition is made utilizing only Western medicine minded thought then home birthing will be outlawed. It will feel as a "bullied" law to get rid of an opposing thought on birthing. If we are to be a state of unification of different cultures as is our roots then it should apply in this as well. Collaboration to come up with a solid proposition and a well rounded and thought out law on home birthing.

Sincerely,
Tricia Higa

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1. To: Honorable Chair and Committee members of Health and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,
2. Hearing date 2-10-14 1:15pm rm 229
3. RE: SB2070 Relating to Naturopathy
4. Oppose

I do not support further certification of NDs doing home births at this time. NDs have been attending home births as part of their scope of practice since Chap 455 became law in 1925. If further regulation is needed (and we do not believe there is a need) then to do it as one unified act with ALL the home birth practitioners. Unify, not divide. Home birth is a midwifery model, not a medical model.

Four main points:

A) Home birth is safe, as safe if not safer than hospital births. If safety is what the legislators are concerned about, let's study all birth options, home and hospital to discern what is safe? (Rising c-sect rate, inductions, medications...safe?) Let's dialogue, If legislators are truly interested in learning about home birth as Green's press release indicates, then take this next year to learn about the differences between the midwifery model vs the medical model of birthing. Become educated.

B) We (the public, the home birth practitioners and community, and the legislators) are all interested in safety and quality care. Unfortunately, this is not what this bill will provide. Instead it restricts the rights of families to deliver their children in the settings they feel true to them and with the attendants they choose. It is not the legislature's right to decide how and where someone can birth.

C) This bill is divisive because some forms of midwifery/home birth practices would be excluded and criminalized in this bill. The home birth community is unifying, and wants to include all practitioners who can then provide support for all the different types of birth experiences the community is asking for.

D) Let the home birth community form their own advisory counsel with all birth practitioners represented - ND, CPM, CNM, Direct Entry, Traditional midwives, OB, Family Practitioners etc to gather data, dialogue and form appropriate standards acceptable to all birth practitioners and the community, and bring this back to the legislature next session.

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Lisa Hallett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. Thank you for taking my testimony.

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Allan Reaves	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Support home birth, not the medical industry!!!

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