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Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Health

**RE: PLEASE OPPOSE SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians**

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

Alan Ewell

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From: Alex Steelsmith  
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To: Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Health (The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session of 2014)

Testimony Position: Opposition to SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians, scheduled for hearing on January 27, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in Conference Room 229

January 26, 2014

Dear Honorable Senators Josh Green and Rosalyn Baker, and Members of the Committee,

As a longtime Hawaii resident, I'm grateful for this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB2577 relating to naturopathic physicians. I respectfully submit that SB2577 is an inappropriate proposal because it would require one type of doctor (naturopathic physicians) to fulfill the requirements of a different type of doctor (MDs and osteopaths) in order to retain prescription rights they have already earned through their own strict requirements.

Naturopathic medicine is a well established profession with its own high standards of education, training, competency, and safety, and effective methods of regulating the practice of naturopathic medicine are currently in place. The Board of Naturopathic Medicine establishes rules regarding standards of naturopathic practice, and Hawaii's naturopathic doctors are required to meet important qualifications in order to prescribe pharmaceutical treatments, provide injection therapies, and perform minor surgeries. With their extensive education, examination, and training requirements, including training in physiology and pharmacological issues, they are highly qualified for prescription privileges.

Hawaii's naturopathic law was brought up to date in 2009, after many years of lagging far behind the naturopathic laws in other states, when naturopathic doctors were granted prescriptive authority by the legislature. This was a huge step forward for Hawaii, resoundingly supported by public testimony, and our current law is finally appropriate for the training and scope of practice of naturopathic doctors. SB2577 would essentially undo many of the important gains made in 2009, prevent naturopathic doctors from practicing according to the high level of their training, and thereby decrease the overall quality of health care in Hawaii.

Thank you,  
Alex Steelsmith

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**SB2577**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allan Reaves	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill only benefits the medical industry. I want freedom of choice to see a naturopathic doctor who does not follow mainstream medical practices. Please DO NOT pass this bill.

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Sincerely,

Alyssa

**From:** [Amanda Gronau](#)  
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January 26, 2014

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/27/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amber Seber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill must be killed immediately. This is unfair to both naturopathic doctors and their patients. It makes no sense whatsoever. For one thing, it creates a monopoly in healthcare. For another, patients who choose naturopathic doctors do so because they do not want the care of a physician that is conventionally trained. Having a conventional physician is against their beliefs. This bill would force patients to do exactly what they are avoiding. This would also put every naturopathic doctor in the islands out of business. This bill helps no one. It works only in favor of conventional physicians who believe their practice to be above that of naturopathic doctors. This godlike belief in oneself must not be allowed to control legislation over their competition. Please kill this bill and do not allow regular physicians to monopolize the healthcare industry. Patients have a right to make their own medical decisions without legislation. Patients are not forced to see naturopathic doctors. It is their CHOICE. You cannot take that choice away or interfere with it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
anita m mitchell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please support my right and ability to go to a doctor who can offer me a wide variety of choices for my health. Naturopaths are highly trained professionals who deserve the right to prescribe medicine.

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January 27, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ann



**From:** [goodfineart@gmail.com](mailto:goodfineart@gmail.com) on behalf of [Anna Good](#)  
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**Anna Good**

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This bill would negatively affect the health care needs of Maui residents. I use naturopathic medicine services and appreciate the fact that I can get my medications through my naturopathic doctor. I have found the use of prescription medications by my ND to be conservative and effective. I believe ND's should be allowed to practice according to their high standards of education and training. I have found my ND to be a competent and safe prescriber.

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Annalouise Jaeger

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January 27, 2014

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Aloha, While the following is a form letter explaining all the details of why you should support this bill. I am personally requesting that you support it because I'd rather have my Natruopathic Dr treat my condition.

Medical Dr's have only given me relief for symptoms of my Auto-immune condition- Sjorgren's. It's been all the Natruopathic Dr's over the years and moves across the country who have helped me actually treat it and all the related issues caused by it.

This Bill would gut their ability to help me live and manage a freer, healthier life.

Mahalo-

Annalouise "Aj" Jaeger

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Sincerely,

*Christie Adams*

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashlie DeCambra	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Aziani Ismail	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I completely oppose this bill. Naturopathic doctors undergo the same medical training as any other non-naturopathic doctors. This bill is based on ignorance of the training that a naturopath undergoes. It also limits the choices that patients have in terms of doctors and treatment. I choose a naturopathic doctor and certainly don't want to be referred to another doctor to get prescribed medication. In fact, the legislature should look at MDs who over prescribe medication and drugs. In the face of shortage of doctors in Hawaii, this bill is completely irrational. It's a way for MDs to control the market.

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Thank you very much,

Bob

*"Sharing aloha everyday"*

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The Twenty-Seventh legislature Regular Session of 2014

Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Monday, January 27, 2014 1:30 pm SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians

Testifier Position: Oppose

Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and committee members:

I am, Dr. Britta Zimmer, a naturopathic physician practicing in Hilo for the past 7 years.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this bill that would require naturopathic physicians to fulfill requirements for prescription privileges. All naturopathic physicians would agree that prescriptive authority is indeed a privilege that requires meeting high standards of education, training, competency and safety.

However, with all respect, I would ask you to consider whether this bill is actually necessary. Consider the following points:

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With the granting of prescriptive authority in 2009, the legislature required the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to promulgate rules pertaining to parenteral therapy (injectable medications), minor surgery, standards of practice and care, and a code of ethics.

The Board has not only completed this requirement, but in so doing adopted higher

levels of standards in the Hawaii administrative rules than found in any other naturopathic practice act in the United States and Canada.

The Code of Ethics developed and approved by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine was seen as so exemplary by the national professional organization that it was subsequently adopted by the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians as the Code of Ethics for all NDs across the country.

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SB2577 would require authorization from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) for any ND wishing to prescribe any item on the naturopathic formulary. This requirement already exists. NDs must be licensed by the DCCA, they must meet additional rigorous requirements beyond licensure to perform parenteral therapy and minor surgery, and they must register with the Department of Health to obtain an “oral code” to call, fax or email prescriptions to pharmacies.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577



Sincerely,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryan Brey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. This bill appears to only benefit commercial interests by protecting them from competition from naturopathic doctors and healers. From my understanding competition is good. And if this bill is moved forward under the guise that it will help Mr./Mrs. Jones from deceptive practices of naturopathic doctors, it will do no such thing. If a person is susceptible to con-artists, they'll buy anything and no amount of freedom should be given away or traded for "protection." I prefer liberty and freedom of choice for my medical care and needs. I'd rather not go to any commercial doctor or commercial interest because they have higher overhead, higher costs, and simply stuck in the "system." I'd rather keep my costs low and my values high. Mahalo, Bryan

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January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am testifying on behalf of the Naturopathic Physicians (NDs) of the state of Hawaii. Naturopathic Physicians are trained primary care physicians who can help take the burden off of the already over-crowded and taxed health care system of Hawaii. Naturopathic Physicians are trained in the integrative care of both acute and chronic diseases. They conservatively treat all illnesses with a combination of pharmaceutical medications and natural remedies. Taking the prescriptive authority away from Naturopathic Physicians would create a disadvantage for the people of Hawaii. In order to comprehensively serve and treat the patients of Hawaii, Naturopathic Physicians must be able to prescribe medications on their already established formulary when necessary. NDs obtain pre-medical degrees and attend four-year medical schools with equal curriculum to that of MDs and DOs. There is no reason to now be stripping this authority from the Hawaii NDs. NDs have been successfully treating and serving the people of Hawaii.

My Naturopathic Physician prescribes pharmaceuticals only when necessary and in conjunction with the standards of medical practice. Now that our NDs are covered by health insurance why should they not be able to prescribe pharmaceutical medications when they have been well trained to do so and have been using western pharmaceutical medications in the state of Hawaii for several years now.

All of the licensed states in the mainland have a more extensive formulary for their Naturopathic Physicians and there is true insurance equality between the NDs, MDs, and DOs.

If this bill passes it would put the Hawaii medical system at an even greater disadvantage to provide and obtain comprehensive health care for the people of Hawaii.

Do not pass Bill SB2577, Naturopathic Physicians are providing the people of Hawaii with their health care needs.

Sincerely,

Carol Dodson  
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**Subject:** Please Oppose SB2577  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2014 9:42:55 AM

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Carolyn Lampe

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/26/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
charley cervantes	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am a private citizen with an autistic child who also has epilepsy and fetal alcohol syndrome. my sons ND doctor has been able to help us control fungal issues, reduce hepatic break outs and address 10 other chronic health problems that many othe autistic auto immune people suffer. ND doctors have special training in naturapathic remedies and naturapathic pharmaceuticals that empower the bodies system to be more normal to heal. by taking this away from them immediately you will leave a gaping health hole in society for many of Hawaiiis disabled children and severely impact there ability to attend school and learn. please dont do this.

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**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* URGENT/TIME-SENSITIVE - Please OPPOSE SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 10:55:54 PM  
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**I have FIRST HAND experience with naturopathic doctors who have prescribed procedures and medications that are safe, follow the highest standards of care and ethics, and have resulted in FAR BETTER HEALTH for many CHRONIC & LONG-TERM CONDITIONS, such allergies, digestive problems, diabetes, and so many more. IF WE AS A STATE & AS A NATION ARE EVER GOING TO RESOLVE the burden of rising costs of healthcare & medical insurance, THE ONLY WAY WE ARE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT THAT is by making PEOPLE HEALTHIER. Western medicine alone DOES NOT DO THAT, and in fact, in many cases, MAKES THESE CONDITIONS WORSE.**

**My naturopathic physician has done FAR MORE for me personally, as well as many other people I know, than any of the regular physicians I have been a patient of. I NO LONGER have the severe skin condition that my MD and 2 dermatologists did not even know the cause of. And I am in FAR BETTER HEALTH OVERALL than I have ever been.**

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**The people of Hawaii who choose better health DESERVE to be able to have access to naturopathic physicians who are not restricted in providing proper treatments.** We have repeatedly demanded access to quality naturopathic care because our naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. **As the general practitioners and primary care physicians who are MOST HIGHLY TRAINED in PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE, they are uniquely qualified to collaborate with other health care professionals in providing truly complimentary care.** By unreasonably restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their training, SB2577 would have many negative consequences on the overall quality of health care in Hawaii. It would drastically reduce our naturopathic physicians' capacity to effectively serve the public, and limit Hawaii's ability to attract top-quality naturopathic physicians. Please allow our naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to continue receiving high quality naturopathic care.

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**SB2577**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
christine kapololu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hilo has a shortage of medical doctors. Please support those of us who wish to attend Naturopathic Physicians. Allow them full medical privileges. It will improve my medical care and Extend the number of physicians. Thank you Christine Kapololu

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**SB2577**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adriana E. Duerr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have the utmost confidence in my naturopathic physician's ability to prescribe for me. Please do not take away the prescriptive rights that naturopathic physicians have worked so hard for and are thoroughly trained to do. To do so would be a step backwards in responsible choice of healthcare.

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**From:** [Bonnie Starr Marsh](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2577  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2014 10:37:17 AM

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Bonnie Marsh, ND  
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Haiku, Hawaii 96708  
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I am also licensed to provide Nutritional IV Therapy and Minor Surgery by the Hawaiian Naturopathic Board.

SB2577 would interfere with giving safe care to my minor surgery patients to protect them from infections without the ability to order/prescribe antibiotic therapy when needed. The intent of this bill is incompatible with performing minor surgery.

SB2577 would also interfere with the many GYN patients I treat who are on Bio-Identical hormones.

SB2577 would set compromise care to patients.

I have never had a complaint or an adverse event amongst my patients to warrant this type of action taken against myself and my Naturopathic peers.

I am also a Registered Nurse and a California licensed Nurse Midwife who has many years of the study of Pharmacology, both in Nursing school and Naturopathic school.

Please stop this bill for the health and safety of the Hawaiian people.

Mahalo,

Dr. Bonnie Marsh

**From:** [Clifford Fujii](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Restricting Naturopathic Physicians  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 5:15:12 PM

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Seattle, WA 98103 (Future resident of Honolulu, HI)

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Your Name





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Mrs. Dale Chun-Togami

**From:** [D.Kelly](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2577  
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Please log my opposition to SB 2577.

1. I cant figure out why it is being proposed. Naturopathic doctors in Hawaii are doing a great job.
2. We dont want these doctors to be required to learn about, and prescribe drugs.
3. they are already required to learn more about the human body than standard medical doctors.

mahalo, aloha, Dan Kelly

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/26/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dan Widdows	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not take away prescriptive rights for naturopathic doctors. Things are going to be bad enough with the new Affordable health care act. Please don't make it worse! If you do take them away you will only be making "affordable" health care less affordable. That should be easy to understand.

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Daniel Moe 12-7158 Loke Pl. Pahoehoa, HI 96778

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January 26, 2014

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Darlene Ford



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Darlene Rodrigues

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Mililani, HI 96789

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Monday January 27, 2014 at 1:30pm in Room 229  
Position: Opposed

Aloha Hon. Sen. Green, Chair, Hon. Sen. Baker, Vice Chair & Committee members:

My name is Darrow Hand and I am writing in opposition to SB2577. I am a naturopathic physician (ND). Since 2009, when the legislature granted prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians, there have been no reported cases of harm nor lawsuits filed against NDs pertaining to prescriptions.

As the bill is written, SB2577 essentially will require NDs to become MDs or DOs in order to “fulfill the same education, examination, and training requirements as physicians or osteopathic physicians” before being able to prescribe prescription drugs.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine formed a Joint Committee with the Hawai'i Board of Pharmacy to review the naturopathic formulary and ND prescriptive authority, and provide guidance to pharmacists regarding NDs. It is Naturopathic Board's job is to oversee the standard of care of all NDs, just as other professions have their Boards. Our Board is already doing this job and doing it well.

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Please defer this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

*DMH*

Darrow M. Hand, ND

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Debbie Chambrella  
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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/26/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senators, PLEASE do not pass this bill. My Naturopath has been practicing for over 25 years, and her knowledge in many areas that relate to my health far exceed all of the personnel available at my ONLY local clinic, which my insurance requires to be my PCP. The clinic, my PCP, more than not, defers to the knowledge of my Naturopath and often tells me I need to speak with her about any number of female issues -- which, since I am female, is about 95% of my issues. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not take this right away from my doctor. Without going into a litany of details, I can say that personally it will affect me and a number of my community alone to our detriment. Thank you for keeping knowledgeable, brilliant and essential options available to our community. Most sincerely and with aloha, Deborah Davis

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**Subject:** SB2577  
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DeLynn Lake  
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Denise Grayzell, PO box 893983, Mililani, HI 96789

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Denise S. Honda  
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I am writing in opposition of SB2577 for the following reasons:

- 1) My choice of a primary physician is a Naturopathic physician.
- 2) I believe Naturopathic Physicians receive the same education and training as physicians or osteopathic physicians and are qualified to prescription privileges.
- 3) To require authorization from the department of commerce & consumer affairs prior to prescribing is ineffective to receiving timely care and may be associated with additional unnecessary costs.
- 4) Naturopathic physicians fulfill a growing need for primary care and the Naturopathic formulary allows these physicians to meet that need.

I respectfully ask you to vote against SB2577.

Sincerely,

Desiree Lopes  
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**From:** [Donald Angle](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2577  
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### To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that subject bill, SB 2577, has been proposed. I also understand that its intent is to place the same standards upon naturopathic physicians (ND) on the same level as MDs and DOs. As seemingly admirable as it seems at “first blush,” please don’t compare “apples with oranges.” NDs are trained to respect and work closer to Nature in helping us, their patients, to heal. My ND has always been able to provide me with relief with vitamins and herbal remedies, which do not damage my immune system, and she has been able to select from reputable manufacturers at her disposal, keeping her oath to Do No Harm, which is, obviously to me, forgotten in the MDs and, unfortunately, a majority of DOs, to dispense the “killer bombs” in their haste to “cure.” The MD-prescribed drugs shock and force my body into submission.

My MD always resorted to toxic, steroidal and/or corticosteroids to try to “kill” the problems all to no avail. I do not and will not subject my body to drugs to cause me additional suffering with adverse effects of nausea, vomiting, skin reactions, digestive and respiratory distress—all typical reactions--and the most lethal of all, killing my good bacteria along with the bad bacteria which is analogous to a bomb that kills and devastates all in the attempt to kill only a few! My immune system would be constantly bombarded by such effects as they force my body to become weak and a shell of what it formally was by exposing me to other harmful bacteria.

PLEASE do not take away nor block my pathway to gental and completely effective relief. Yes, the herbs and other natural remedies take longer to effect their relief; they help my body to regain strength and begin its own, natural healing. Please do not forget the over prescribing of drugs to the general public which, predicably, have led to resistant strains of bacteria which resorted the drug industry to formulate yet ever more powerful drugs--analogous to pesticides and herbicides against our precious aina.

Mahalo for taking the time to read and consider my feelings, and the necessity that the NDs retain their professional, ethical, and medically effective standing in our community! Please do not bow to the political pressures and greed of the AMA and its cohorts. There is plenty of room for everyone; all contribute to Humanity!

Sincerely,

Patricia T. Angle

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January 26, 2014

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January 26, 2014

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/27/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erik Cleveland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would take away all prescriptive rights that naturopathic physicians. I am opposed to this bill because I use a naturopathic physician in Hilo. I want HMSA to pay at least some of my bill for medical visits to my N.D. HMSA pays for M.D. services, why not N.D. services also? My N.D. is as helpful as most M.D.s Please consider my opinion and support naturopathic physicians.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Sierra L. Levy

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I currently reside in Denver, Colorado, but have family in the Hilo and Puna areas. I am working at earning a nursing license before I return to the islands. I fully expect my family and I to have a Naturopath as our family physician in Hawaii. While I know the Denver Nursing Program will help me see the benefits of both Medical and Naturopathic schools of thought, I truly believe that SB2577 would be a detriment to all Hawaii citizens.

I believe that all legislature should be well researched and tested before it is put into place, and that it should reflect the views of the people it will affect.

Please, understand that SB2577 may do more harm to the people of Hawaii than help. Thank you for your time.

Warmest regards,  
Echo Yarberry



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The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I write to urge you to oppose SB2577

I have been in the helpful and confident care of a Naturopath doctor for over this last year as a part of my health plan to survive cancer. I was diagnosed with Melanoma Cancer in May 2013. With the help of my naturopath I have been able to battle the evils of the disease and the drug treatments.

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Mahalo

Hazlett Weatherwax

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Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Monday, January 27, 2014 1:30 pm

SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians

Testifier Position: Oppose

Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and committee members:

I am Hana Roberts , a naturopathic physician practicing in Kapaau and Kamuela HI for the past two of years.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this bill that would require naturopathic physicians to fulfill requirements for prescription privileges. All naturopathic physicians would agree that prescriptive authority is indeed a privilege that requires meeting high standards of education, training, competency and safety.

However, with all respect, I would ask you to consider whether this bill is actually necessary. Consider the following points:

- Naturopathic physicians (NDs) were granted prescriptive authority by the legislature in 2009. Since that time, there is a clean record of safety. There have been no cases of harm (regarding naturopathic physicians that pertain to the prescription of medications) reported to the Regulated Industries Complaint Office, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, nor have their been any lawsuits filed in this regard.
- With the granting of prescriptive authority in 2009, the legislature required the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to promulgate rules pertaining to parenteral therapy (injectable medications), minor surgery, standards of practice and care, and a code of ethics.
- The Board has not only completed this requirement, but in so doing adopted higher levels of standards in the Hawaii administrative rules than found in any other naturopathic practice act in the United States and Canada.
- The Code of Ethics developed and approved by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine was seen as so exemplary by the national professional organization that it was subsequently adopted by the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians as the Code of Ethics for all NDs across the country.

- The Board of Naturopathic Medicine formed a joint committee with the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy to review the Naturopathic Formulary, ND prescriptive authority, and to provide guidance to pharmacists about ND prescribing patterns.
- SB2577 would require authorization from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) for any ND wishing to prescribe any item on the naturopathic formulary. This requirement already exists. NDs must be licensed by the DCCA, they must meet additional rigorous requirements beyond licensure to perform parenteral therapy and minor surgery, and they must register with the Department of Health to obtain an “oral code” to call, fax or email prescriptions to pharmacies.
- SB2577 would also require a naturopathic physician to “fulfill the same education, examination, and training requirements as physicians or osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 453 prior to the prescription, administration, or dispensing of any prescription medication.” This requirement would be untenable, onerous and contrary to existing state law. Naturopathic physicians should not be required to be a licensed MD or DO in order to prescribe prescription drugs. Naturopathic medicine is a distinct profession with its own educational, examination and training requirements that have been found to be equivalent in breadth and depth to those of conventionally trained physicians.
- The Hawaii naturopathic formulary is defined in HRS 455--1 as “vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, hormones, and those legend drugs consistent with naturopathic medical practice.
- NDs are licensed in 17 states and the Hawaii Naturopathic Formulary is considerably more limited than the formulary in several other states (e.g. Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Vermont).

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Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Please vote no on SB 2577.

Aloha

Hana Roberts ND

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Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Frank Lemes, MD and I am a Hawaii trained family physician, practicing medicine in a variety of settings on Hawaii Island for the past 5 years from community health centers to hospital medicine to nursing home care, and I am writing to oppose bill SB2577. I have had the opportunity in the past year to work alongside a naturopathic physician as a medical consultant to Pacific Quest, an intensive program designed for at risk youth on Hawaii Island. Many of the teens and young adults that are clients of Pacific Quest are medically complex and it is the task of Dr. Zimmer, the program's naturopathic physician and medical director, to facilitate the medical treatment along with the counseling and dietary interventions that are often successful in treating their psychiatric, substance, and behavioral issues.

I have been very impressed with the obvious breadth and depth of Dr. Zimmer's training that allows her to handle such complex patients and have not had any concerns regarding her prescribing medications inappropriately. It is my experience that she, and I would assume most other naturopaths, is quite hesitant to write for prescription medications, and does so only after all other conservative measures and natural remedies have been attempted, and have no problem referring when the condition is out of their comfort zone. It is my understanding that she, and other naturopaths, already have a quite limited formulary here in Hawaii and I feel comfortable that with their advanced training that they are able to utilize this formulary safely and effectively.

I was quite surprised today when I was informed of this bill that would effectively eliminate the prescriptive authority of naturopathic physicians by demanding that they fulfill the same educational, examinational and training requirements as allopathic and osteopathic physicians. This would require a professional, having completed 4 years of postgraduate training as a naturopath to complete an additional 4 years of allopathic or osteopathic medical school, when much of that training would be duplicated. This would be prohibitively expensive, time consuming, and unreasonable. We do not require this of Advanced Nurse Practitioners, yet they have prescriptive authority and I would assume even a broader formulary.

Hawaii Island, and much of Hawaii, has a great shortage of primary care providers, and I think it would be to the detriment of our communities if we further limit, and alienate, a group of physicians who are serving the primary care needs of our citizens.

Regards,

Frank D. Lemes, MD

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Georgie Rabago	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Grace Alvaro Caligtan	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Graham Ellis		Oppose	No

Comments: In many rural areas Naturopathic doctors are the first contact for many patients and they need to have powers to prescribe medicines. This service is an essential part of a comprehensive sustainable medical plan.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greg Baker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha All, thank you for your consideration of the highly important information I am sharing that clarifies Naturopathic Physicians (ND) have all of the needed training for prescriptive rights in their scope of practice. NDs have 100 hours training in pharmacology; where as Medical Doctors have 70 hours, Physician Assistants have 60 hours and Nurse Practitioners have only 50 hours. NDs have 2 years of graduate didactic training and 2 years of graduate clinical training which is the same as MDs. There is no basis for the assertion that NDs are not thoroughly and properly trained for prescriptive rights. Please note NDs have the same scope of practice in this regard to Nurse Practitioners (NP) yet have 300% more training. With the continued pressure within the healthcare industry of each practitioner group attempting to increase their scope of practice and limit others scope with the end goal of increasing potential income, it is much more important to keep the focus on the patient! What we need in Hawaii, especially with the severe shortage of MDs, is for patients to have additional options to obtain healthcare in order to stay alive. Mahalo for your time.

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Gretchen Imdieke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose SB2577. There is no reason to impose such a bill. Naturopaths are adequately trained in the medications they are allowed to prescribe. There is no reason to implement additional training. In fact, prescription authority should be expanded beyond the current guidelines.

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Holly Honbo



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I oppose SB2577,  
We have a shortage of physicians and people should have a choice where to find help  
Aloha  
Ingrid Tillman

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**I have received so much help from Dr. Laurie. Had I pursued the conventional route, I would have had to use the albuterol inhaler. I haven't used anything for years. I watch my diet, stay indoors when the vog hits, and stay away from foods that cause allergic respiratory reactions. This is so much better than having to take medications.**

**Please support this bill. Naturopaths help us get away from conventional medicine as soon as possible. It is better for all (of course except the pharmaceutical industries who lose profits when we learn to take care of ourselves using as much natural methods as possible.)**

**Thank you**

Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Monday, January 27, 2014, 1:30 pm

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1. After three years of prescribing by naturopathic physicians, there is no evidence of excessive prescribing or patient harm.
2. The hours of pharmacology training for naturopathic physicians is nearly equal to that of medical doctors, and more than that of osteopathic physicians.
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Thank You for Your Public Service in This Matter,

Sincerely,

Jack Burke, ND, LAc.



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Jackie L. Kinder-Esau

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TO: Hawaii Senate, Twenty-seventh legislature, Regular Session 2014

Committee on Health: Sen. Josh Green, Chair and Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Monday, January 27, 2014 1:30 pm

SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Testifier Position: OPPOSE

FROM: Jacqueline Hahn, ND, 15 year resident and community clinic medical provider for Hilo, Puna and Big Island residents.

Given the latest 2013 U of H, John Burns School of Medicine "Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Project" showing a 34% shortage on the Big Island, and statewide shortage of 18%, there are clearly insufficient numbers of doctors, with shortages especially severe in primary care.

Naturopathic Doctors are licensed and trained as primary care providers in Hawaii. Our profession has already gone through professional review and legislative processes which have authorized us to prescribe a specific formulary of medications, based on our training and scope of practice.

I am a preferred provider with HMAA, serving patients with insurance as well as those without insurance, and those with insurance who cannot afford the new high deductibles and co-pays. I am a 20 year practicing Naturopathic Physician, a Functional Medicine Specialist, certified OB specialist, and have degrees in Microbiology and Public Health. I regularly use medications when clinically indicated like antibiotics, birth control, antifungals, minor surgery injections, acute asthma/allergy medications... treating bladder infections, Strep throat, Staph infections, rat lung, leptospirosis. I have run an affordable family practice / community health clinic in Hilo for 15 years, including acute care, minor surgery, obstetrics and family practice. 20 % of my clients come in for acute care for common infections and conditions which would, if this bill passes, require these patients to then be referred to ER or Urgent Care centers (at the highest cost to patient and community) because there is such a

delay in getting routine acute appointments due to long standing doctor shortages.

This proposed bill is not logical, based on fact or need. This bill would end up REVERSING established privileges for ND's several years ago after extensive medical board, legal and legislative review, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIATING WHY. This is being proposed without regard to patient outcomes, given the current SEVERE physician shortages in a geographical terrain where serious bacterial, fungal and parasitic infections are VERY common. By removing the legal ability of already licensed and practising physicians, already using these medications for several years in patient care, this bill will only serve to decrease patient access to affordable and efficient common place routine medical care.

For this bill to be proposed under current conditions in Hawaii seems irresponsible and medically absurd. The community deserves to know why all prior medical board and legislative review that has already approved ND's to prescribe a limited medication formulary in Hawaii should be reversed.

In ongoing faith and dedication to common sense and better access in community medical practices,

Dr. Jacqueline Hahn

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**From:** [James & Marie-Francoise Mitchell](#)  
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FROM: James & Marie-Francoise Mitchell  
98-941 Moanalua Road, Apt. 101  
Aiea, HI 96701

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/26/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jan abundo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Naturopathic doctors are physicians like any other family practitioner. They do a great service to give medical care to those that prefer to not be hooked on drugs, but may need to have prescriptions to fight specific illnesses. You will keep many people sick and looking for good medical care if you take this away from naturopathic doctors.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janis Larson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have had Naturopathic physicians as personal doctors for many years. They have all been well trained, well educated professionals. I see a Naturopathic Doctor as well as an M.D. in Hilo, for different medical issues. Both write prescriptions for me and are equally qualified to do so. I oppose SB2577. Do not take away the earned right of Naturopath doctor's to write prescriptions.

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My Naturopathic Physician saved my life when my Kaiser doctor could not figure out the issue. Please remember this as you vote on this incredibly important legislation.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Jan 27, 2014 at 11:55 AM, Jennifer Gates <[jenniferg100@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferg100@gmail.com)> wrote:

Please DO NOT allow this bill to pass! I've been able to see my Naturopath with GREAT SUCCESS up to now. It's my right to be able to seek the healthcare that I want and ask that this be respected.

Thank you,  
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Jennifer Grushon

**From:** [Jennifer Gates](#)  
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Please DO NOT allow this bill to pass! I've been able to see my Naturopath with GREAT SUCCESS up to now. It's my right to be able to seek the healthcare that I want and ask that this be respected.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Mattos



**From:** [Jenny Dooling](#)  
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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/27/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jesse L	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I've used Naturopathic and alternative medicine my entire life. It is bad enough that my medical policy doesn't cover many legitimate alternative medical treatments. It would be disasterous if my Naturpathic DOCTOR would be barred from prescribing medicines for me. This bill is obviously trying to protect BIG Pharma and BIG Western Medical. The western Medical system is just over 200 years old. NATURAL medicine has been used for the past 6 to 40,000 years.. I resent your trying to control my choice in medical providers, or their right to practice. Beware of the trappings of facisim.. The signs of our government trending in that direction are seemingly everywhere to be seen these days. What's next.. Telling me what I can or can't eat?

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO OPPOSE  
SB2577 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

DATE: Monday, January 27, 2014  
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PLACE: Conference Room 229  
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Aloha Legislators,

I cannot begin to convey to you how instrumental naturopathic physician have been to my family over the past five years:

My son Dale was diagnosed by the State of Hawaii Early Intervention as sever autism in 2008 when he was 18 months old. We did everything conventional medicine had to offer. He has had a neurologist since he was two months old. MRI, CT, EEGs but nothing could help unlock the mystery of his pain. The peditrician our insurance covered could only offer me support groups for my sons "lifelong incurable disability." Thank God we found naturopathic doctors who understood his needs!

After years of suffering, it was a naturopath who knew how to begin to heal his autoimmune inflammation so that he was finally able to sleep longer than ninety minutes at a time.

It was only the naturopath physician, who advised us to obtain the lab work to discover how truly toxic his blood work was. Following their chelation protocol to remove the mercury, lead, aluminum, etc has lifted the "cloud of heavy metals" that separated Dale from the rest of the world.

Before my son received treatment from a naturopath he was a prisoner to his disability. His only way to get his needs met were to cry, scream, or flee. But after six months of treatment he gained the ability to point to what he wanted. After a year, he could finally express himself using American Sign Language. Now at seven years old, his reading and typing are making up for lack of speech – but vocals are coming!

I used to worry myself to sleep every night wondering if Dale would ever develop to a point where he was no longer be a danger to himself. Would he ever gain any independence? Know true peace and happiness? I now know these dreams HAVE come true because of naturopathic medicine. Dale WILL grow up to his potential BECAUSE of the care that he has received. This expert care was not offered by any doctor until we found a naturopath specialist. Please protect our rights to quality health care!

Mahalo,  
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RE:

SB2577

To those who have an influence in stopping this bill I request that you oppose it as our rights to natural health care are being compromised. I have been a firm advocate and recipient of this type of health care my entire life, and at 70 do not take any medications other than natural and health-giving products for my health. I depend on the well-trained doctors who dare to go the extra mile to help us. PLEASE OPPOSE THIS VERY DANGEROUS BILL!

Aloha,

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Dear Patients and Friends of Steelsmith Natural Health Center,

A new Senate bill has been proposed that could seriously undermine all the legislative gains you've won for your rights to improved naturopathic care. In 2009, several hundred of you submitted emails to lawmakers in support of our efforts to improve Hawaii's naturopathic law. Your emails played a pivotal role in changing the law and expanding your access to quality naturopathic medicine.

The new proposed bill, SB2577, would essentially take away the rights you gained.

How the proposed bill could affect you: By limiting the practice of naturopathic medicine in many ways, SB2577 would restrict our

ability to provide you with high-quality naturopathic care. It would prevent us from writing prescriptions that we feel are a key component of your health care, and deprive you of numerous health care options that have been available to you since 2009—and to people in other states for many years.

Your help is urgently needed to stop this bill and preserve your hard-won rights to the kind of naturopathic health care you deserve. Much that we've worked for in expanding your access to quality naturopathic care could be lost if SB2577 passes. Please email a message opposing this bill to the address below. A sample letter is provided that you can copy and paste into an email. Just add your name and address, modify the letter if you like, type Please Oppose SB2577 into the subject line, and click send. The deadline for sending messages hasn't been announced, so please send your message as soon as possible—preferably by 4:00 pm TODAY, January 26th. We apologize for the short notice, but we were notified only today that the hearing will take place on Monday.

Please forward this message to your family members and friends, and urge them to help stop this bill. You made history in 2009; let's do it again!

Sincere thanks,

From all of us at Steelsmith Natural Health Center

Please email your messages to: HTHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov<<http://e2.ma/click/o1vyn/49sand/ccwkde>>

Your Name and Address

January 26, 2014

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January 26, 2014

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My naturopath just helped me figure out how to address my high cholesterol, high triglycerides and very low Vitamin D level (which was contributing to my osteoporosis) through diet and supplements. My regular M.D. physician just handed me some calcium and drugs—which I could never take. Many of us need an alternative to western medicine. Please oppose this bill and consider adding naturopaths for inclusion under health insurance policies.

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**From:** [Joseph Megna](#)  
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January 26, 2014

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Sincerely,  
Kellie Tateyama



**From:** [jharvey108@gmail.com](mailto:jharvey108@gmail.com) on behalf of [John Harvey](#)  
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John Wassell	Individual	Oppose	No

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TO: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Judith Olson

411 Hobron Lane, APT 3502

Honolulu, HI 96815

DATE: January 26, 2014

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**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
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Julia Myers  
49-066 Johnson Rd  
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Linda Uchima  
98-1984 Ho'ala St.  
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Flow along with your *Good*; Grow along with your *Good*.

Attention Legislators in regard to Measure SB2577,

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I trust and rely on my Naturopathic Physician, Dr. Sarah Strong of Hilo, Hawai'i, to support my holistic health needs. I underwent a hysterectomy at age 30 and require prescription hormone replacement therapy and thyroid medication as a result. Dr. Strong has been prescribing my medications for the past two years, effectively monitoring my progress and overall health. I am very pleased with the quality of care I receive from my naturopath and she should be able to continue running her practice as she has in the past. That INCLUDES having the ability to write prescriptions when a patient's health deems it necessary.

I prefer to take a natural approach to my health but my existing condition requires three prescriptions. Naturopaths are well-trained physicians with additional knowledge of natural remedies for ailments. I do not want to be forced to interview another physician just to have my prescriptions filled.

It's offensive to me that Hawai'i has decided to put this measure forward, in essence, reducing the rights and privileges naturopathic physicians have held for years. If they were qualified to write prescriptions in the past, why are they suddenly deemed unfit to do so now? It makes no sense!

Passing this measure would be a giant step BACKWARDS—forcing patients to have a disconnected healthcare plan where multiple doctors treat only certain parts of the patient. This leads to a distorted overall picture of the health and wellbeing of a patient and is ineffective healthcare at it's best.

Sincerely, a very concerned citizen,  
Julie Evans

**From:** [Justin Langlais](#)  
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Justin J. Langlais

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Karlean Caise

January 26, 2014

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Regular Session of 2014

Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair

Monday, January 27, 2014  
1:30 P.M.

SB 2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians

Testifier on position: Oppose

Honorable Chair Green, Vice-Chair Baker, and committee members:

I am Kathleen Gardner, patient of Dr. Jacqueline Hahn of Hilo for over 15 years, and her Medical Assistant for 8 years.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to this proposed bill as a patient, someone who would be directly affected by its passage. Like all of Dr. Hahn's patients, I rely on her high standards and competency in prescribing pharmaceuticals and Naturopathic remedies. Beyond her excellent academic foundation and background and continuing education, she researches and evaluates any new treatments thoroughly before prescribing them.

Since being given prescriptive authority in 2009, Dr. Hahn has been able to offer her patients the added benefit of being able to prescribe sometimes much-needed pharmaceuticals, such as antibiotics, complemented by natural remedies. This ability saves her patients from having to seek treatment elsewhere, at additional expense - if they are able to secure it - and to follow up as needed. This is good patient care, not always found in a visit to an emergency facility.

I have never observed a serious instance of harm resulting from Dr. Hahn's prescriptions. Naturally, not all remedies are beneficial, but like any good physician, she is ready to adjust the treatment as needed. We hear from our patients almost daily about their unfortunate experiences in other medical settings and their gratitude for being cared for in a holistic way. I cannot speak for all N.D.s, but my experience with several of them leads me to believe they share the same ethical code instilled in their training and hold to the highest standard of care for their patients.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Kimberly Gitzel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kimberly Howsley

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Kirsten Biondi PO Box 731 Kamuela, HI 96743-0731

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

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January 27, 2014

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/27/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M K R Olds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To Whom it May Concern: My family and myself have been under the care of a Naturopath for the pass 7+ years. It would be detrimental to our continued health and the larger communities to take away ND's prescription privileges. We have been able to be seen and receive treatment quickly for things like ear infections. When I have been told I can take my child to the ER room or wait a week to see a Dr for an acute illness I have been able to see our Naturopathic Doctor, have antibiotic prescribed and see a benefit quickly. In this time of Doctor's shortage on the Island it would behoove the state to keep as many licensed, trained, and practicing health practitioners available to serve the under served Big Island community. Our family agrees with the following statement. "Naturopathic physicians (NDs) were granted prescriptive authority by the legislature in 2009. Since that time, there is a clean record of safety. There have been no cases of harm (regarding naturopathic physicians that pertain to the prescription of medications) reported to the Regulated Industries Complaint Office, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, nor has there been any lawsuits filed in this regard." "SB2577 would also require a naturopathic physician to "fulfill the same education, examination, and training requirements as physicians or osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 453 prior to the prescription, administration, or dispensing of any prescription medication." This requirement would be untenable, onerous and contrary to existing state law. Naturopathic physicians should not be required to be a licensed MD or DO in order to prescribe prescription drugs. Naturopathic medicine is a distinct profession with its own educational, examination and training requirements that have been found to be equivalent in breadth and depth to those of conventionally trained physicians." With all due respect, it would be both unreasonable and redundant to require that naturopathic physicians have licensure as MDs or osteopaths to qualify for prescription privileges. The training of naturopathic physicians is already so extensive as to more than qualify them in this regard. Naturopathic medicine is a unique form of health care with its own rigorous educational, examination, and training requirements, comparable in many ways to the requirements of other types of physicians such as MDs and osteopaths. Naturopathic physicians receive ample training at nationally accredited naturopathic medical schools, including the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, such as standard methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They are trained in therapies given by

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TO: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

Kristi Dinell

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Aloha,

As a 70 year old I have had many years experience with both regular MD's and Naturopathic doctors. In the past I have had to have both at the same time because of limitations put on Naturopathic doctors. Now I have both because Medicare only covers lab work prescribed by the MD but in consulting both on the same issue, I have been surprised at the more extensive knowledge and the better ability to handle the problem by the Naturopathic doctor. Years ago I had a painful "trigger thumb" (spasm like pain when I bent it and having to straighten it manually with my other hand.) My MD could only recommend surgery. My Naturopathic Doctor suggested a homeopathic remedy (\$6.00) that took care of the problem within a week's time.

Another time, I had a Baker's cyst at the back of my knee. My MD told me he did not think he should deal with it and instead to go to a surgeon. My Naturopathic Doctor removed the fluid from the cyst with a syringe and bandaged it tightly so it would not refill with fluid. Never again that problem and I was saved the costly expense of a surgeon. I could give more examples.

The prejudice against Naturopathic Doctors is unwarranted and from a lack of actual experience with them. Many people want a Naturopathic doctor and can not afford to have two doctors, which is needed if you take away the prescriptive rights.

PLEASE vote against SB2577!

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My name is Laurie Bauers and I have been a patient of a naturopathic doctor. I am asking you to reconsider Bill SB 2577 on behalf of choosing quality health care for myself and my family.

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
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**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 2:33:55 PM

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January 26, 2014

To: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair; the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair; and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health

**RE: SB2577**

Dear Senator Green and Senator Baker,

I strongly urge you to oppose SB2577 relating to naturopathic physicians. I believe this bill would be detrimental to Hawaii's health care consumers currently taking advantage of naturopathic care, such as myself, because it would restrict naturopathic physicians from practicing within their scope of competence.

Although I am an active duty military member with "free" insurance, I have not found myself happy or satisfied with the majority of my primary or specialty care. As a result, I have often relied on non-military, non-Tricare providers for my medical care. Since living on Oahu, I have established a relationship with a naturopathic physician and, although I pay out of pocket for these services, I would much rather have this choice and care than to take what is offered for free in the military medical system. I say this while actually serving within the military medical system as a provider myself (psychologist).

Please continue to support and introduce bills that allow naturopathic physicians to practice medicine, without having to obtain redundant education and licensure (i.e., M.D., D.O.).

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

Leah Wingear

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**From:** [Mae Fujii](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to SB2577  
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Dear Honorables Josh Green & Rosalyn Baker:

As an advocate and believer in Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii, I urge you to oppose SB2577, which would take away the right of these providers to write prescriptions for their patients who believe in their services to live a healthy lifestyle of preventive care and the right to be able to continue with supplements that require prescriptions.

The policies and educational requirements of the medical profession should not be imposed on the field of naturopathy which focuses on nutrition, alternative treatments, exercise, physiology, and preventive care for the well-being of our people.

I have great respect for Rosalyn, who has been an advocate for long term care policies in Hawaii, and as a volunteer with the Executive Office on Aging, I look forward to meeting you, Josh.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Mae Fujii  
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**SB2577**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leslie Wingate	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Prescriptions for natural medicines are the key to Hawaii's health

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Dr. Klaus Knoll

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Sincerely,

Lisa Rae Felch

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Sincerely,  
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**SB2577**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lynda Hirakami	E Malama Kakou Family Practice	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to SB 2577, which would require Naturopaths to fulfill the same education, examination and training requirements as MDs and DOs. I believe this bill may be unconstitutional and discriminatory. No other prescribing provider is held to this standard of training and examination. Naturopaths are educated in an alternative philosophy and perspective to medical doctors. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians states "Naturopathic physicians combine the wisdom of nature with the rigors of modern science. Steeped in traditional healing methods, principles and practices, naturopathic medicine focuses on holistic, proactive prevention and comprehensive diagnosis and treatment." They provide an alternative to traditional allopathic medicine while patients have the option to choose among diverse providers. If they want an allopathic physician they may choose to be treated by an MD or DO. If a provider wants to be an allopathic provider, they have the option to attend a traditional medical school and be held to the medical examination given to MDs and DOs. I do not find this bill reasonable, rational or constitutional. Please hold this bill in committee. Again, mahalo for the opportunity to comment on SB2577.

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Marcia Patrick  
January 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

Marcia Patrick

**From:** [Kristen Spitz](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE SB2577  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 2:33:18 PM

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RE: Please OPPOSE SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians (Hearing scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 at 1:30pm in Conference Room 229)

Dear Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and committee members:

My name is Kristen Spitz and I have been practicing Naturopathic medicine in Honolulu, Hawaii for two years.

I would like to submit testimony regarding SB2577 which would require naturopathic physicians to fulfill additional requirements above and beyond our already comprehensive medical training for prescription privileges. The ability to hold prescriptive authority is an integral part of being a primary care physician, but it also requires meeting high and rigorous standards of education, training, competency and safety. With that being said, I believe that the current standards of licensing, board examinations, and required pharmaceutical training for naturopathic physicians in the state of Hawaii is one of the highest standards across the nation. I would respectfully ask you to consider whether this bill is actually necessary. Since 2009 when NDs were granted prescriptive authority there have been no cases of harm (regarding the prescription of medications by naturopathic physicians) reported to the Regulated Industries Complaint Office, the board of Naturopathic Medicine, nor have there been any lawsuits filed in this regard.

I hope that you will agree that passing a law such as SB2577 would seriously impede the progress that Hawaii has made for its constituents to receive safe, effective, primary care medicine through the help of board certified Naturopathic Physicians.

Thank you,  
Kristen Spitz, ND, LAc.

**From:** [Mark Bennett](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians  
**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2014 6:53:02 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mark Bennett

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January 27, 2014



January 26, 2014

From: Dr. Laurie Steelsmith  
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Honolulu, HI 96815

To: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Re: Please **OPPOSE** SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians (Hearing scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 229)

Dear Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Committee Members,

I am writing to request that you strongly oppose SB2577 relating to naturopathic physicians. I have held naturopathic licenses in the state of Hawaii and the state of Washington for over 20 years, and I have practiced naturopathic medicine in Hawaii since 1993. This bill would require that licensed naturopathic physicians get additional training, comparable to that of an MD or osteopath, in order to practice the medicine we have already had extensive training in. In Washington State, we have had prescription rights for at least 20 years, yet only in 2009 did Hawaii finally grant prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians. This bill would essentially put Hawaii's naturopathic law back 20 years compared to other state laws, including those of Washington, Oregon, and California.

Naturopathic doctors are thoroughly trained physicians who practice according to high standards of education taught at accredited naturopathic medical schools. We are primary care providers who diagnose and treat disease with both natural and prescriptive medicines. In order to have a naturopathic medical license, we are required to pass national board exams, recognized by the State of Hawaii, which cover the full scope of our training and qualify us to safely and effectively prescribe appropriate pharmaceutical medications.

Please oppose SB2577 and keep our Hawaii naturopathic law, with prescription rights, intact.

Thank you,  
Laurie Steelsmith, N.D., L.Ac.

**From:** [Martha Randolph](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose SB2577  
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Martha E Randolph  
2571 Pacific Heights Road  
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January 26, 2014

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In this day and age of prohibitively expensive health care and even health insurance, it makes sense for people to turn to non-chemical sources for maintaining better health. Responsible naturopathic care is becoming the preferred way to go for so many people. Please do not inhibit these brilliant and dedicated health professionals from serving the community.

Martha Randolph



**From:** [Leila Fujii](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Oppose SB2577  
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Sincerely,

Leila Fujii

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Sincerely, Mary Papish

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Melissa Vergara	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sincerely,

Mia Beatty

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Sincerely,

Michael Lupski

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Michael Silveria	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: A Naturopathic Physician is trained in natural health and not in synthetic drug administration. There is rigorous and thorough training required to become a naturopathic physician. Therefore to require a Naturopath to have the same training as a pharmaceutical physician is not necessary unless they are administering synthetic pharmaceuticals - which they are not. It would be more appropriate for our public officials to understand the training and administration of natural products is a safe and time tested alternative to synthetic pharmaceutical drugs and should stand as a viable health care alternative for people who prefer natural health care. Please do not put this unnecessary burden on Naturopathic physicians to be trained in the field of a allopathic physician when that training is not necessary to fulfill the duties of a Natural Health care system.

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January 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rodolfo Dolatre	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Naturopathic Physicians have helped many people including children with autism and attention deficit problems. Please stop this measure that would very majorly impede their ability to help people.

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To Whom it May Concern:

My family and myself have been under the care of a Naturopath for the pass 7+ years. It would be detrimental to our continued health and the larger communities to take away ND's prescription privileges. We have been able to be seen and receive treatment quickly for things like ear infections. When I have been told I can take my child to the ER room or wait a week to see a MD for an acute illness I have been able to get in contact with our Naturopathic Doctor and receive treatment. In this time of Doctor shortage on Hawaii Island it would behoove the state to have as many available and trained practitioners available to the Island community.

I agree with the statements contained below.

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Thank you for your time  
Michelle Olds

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January 25, 2014

Senate Committee on health  
Hawaii state legislature  
Honolulu Hawaii

RE: SB 2577

Dear Honorable Chairman Josh Green, Vice chair Roslyn Baker and other Health committee members,

I am submitting testimony in opposition of SB 2577. This bill attempts to subvert the legislative process and the authorized Hawaii administrative rules (88) that govern naturopathic medicine.

With all due respect to Chairman Josh Green, repealing naturopathic physicians' prescriptive authority years after Gov. Linda Lingle's veto that was subsequently overridden is incongruent with Hawaii State law.

How can Hawaii administrative rule 85's language superimpose HAR 88's state of the art modernization language? ND's retain a superlative safety record nationwide as well as in Hawaii. What could be the rationale behind the motivation for this legislation? A conflict of interest cannot be ruled out as passage of this measure would result in decreased scope of practice and would further limit the competition in the health care market. With profound physicians' shortages in Hawaii, ND's family practice orientation would be an intelligent choice to mitigate these shortages.

The ND market is growing exponentially due to demand from the public sector. This bill just does not make sense logically or legally.

Please OPPOSE Sb 2577. Thank you.

Miles Greenberg, ND  
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January 27, 2014

TO: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health!

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The Twenty-seventh legislature  
Regular Session of 2014

Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Monday, January 27, 2014  
1:30 pm

SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians

Testifier Position: Oppose

Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and committee members:

I am     **Moon Jean Ho**     (your name) , a naturopathic physician practicing in  
    **Hilo**     (your town) for the past     **1**     (number) of years.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this bill that would require naturopathic physicians to fulfill requirements for prescription privileges. **All naturopathic physicians would agree that prescriptive authority is indeed a privilege that requires meeting high standards of education, training, competency and safety.**

However, with all respect, I would ask you to **consider whether this bill is actually necessary.** Consider the following points:

- Naturopathic physicians (NDs) were granted prescriptive authority by the legislature in 2009. Since that time, there is a **clean record of safety**. There have been **no cases of harm** (regarding naturopathic physicians that pertain to the prescription of medications) reported to the Regulated Industries Complaint Office, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, nor have there been any lawsuits filed in this regard.
- With the granting of prescriptive authority in 2009, the legislature required the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to promulgate rules pertaining to parenteral therapy (injectable medications), minor surgery, standards of practice and care, and a code of ethics.
- The Board has not only completed this requirement, but in so doing adopted **higher levels of standards in the Hawaii administrative rules than found in any other naturopathic practice act in the United States and Canada.**

- The **Code of Ethics** developed and approved by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine was seen as so exemplary by the national professional organization that it was subsequently **adopted by the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians** as the Code of Ethics for all NDs across the country.
- The Board of Naturopathic Medicine formed a **joint committee with the Hawaii Board of Pharmacy** to review the Naturopathic Formulary, ND prescriptive authority, and to provide guidance to pharmacists about ND prescribing patterns.
- SB2577 would require authorization from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) for any ND wishing to prescribe any item on the naturopathic formulary. **This requirement already exists. NDs must be licensed by the DCCA, they must meet additional rigorous requirements beyond licensure to perform parenteral therapy and minor surgery, and they must register with the Department of Health to obtain an “oral code” to call, fax or email prescriptions to pharmacies.**
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- The Hawaii naturopathic formulary is defined in HRS 455-1 as “vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, hormones, and **those legend drugs consistent with naturopathic medical practice.**”
- NDs are licensed in 17 states and the Hawaii Naturopathic Formulary is considerably more limited than the formulary in several other states (e.g. Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Vermont).

The following tables comparing naturopathic medicine to conventional medicine are from the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians “Comprehensive Review of the Naturopathic Profession,” October 2011.

### Hours of Pharmacology

Hours of Pharmacology Coursework in ND Schools and Iowa Medical and Osteopathic Schools

School	Year Established	Class Size*	Pharmacology Hours Require for Graduation
National College of Natural Medicine Portland, Oregon	1956	81	72 hours
Bastyr University Seattle, Washington	1977	260	55 hours
Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences Scottsdale, Arizona	1993	65	110 hours
University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine Bridgeport, Connecticut	1996	19	44 hours
Canadian Naturopathic Medical College Toronto, Ontario, Canada	1978	135	110 hours
Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada	2001	16	42 hours
University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine Iowa City, Iowa	1870	131	69 hours
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine Des Moines, Iowa	1898	221	90 hours

## Education and Scope

NDs have the same scope as a Nurse Practitioner with 3 times the education and training.

Education	ND	MD	DO	PA	NP
<b>Degree Title</b>	<b>Naturopathic Doctor</b>	<b>Medical Doctor</b>	<b>Doctor of Osteopathy</b>	<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Nurse Practitioner</b>
Graduate Level Didactic	2 years	2 years	2 years	1 year	1 year
Graduate Level Clinical	2 years	2 years	2 years	1 year	0.5 year
Average Clinical Hours	2,800	3,200	3,200	2,000	700
Pharmacology	100 hours	70 hours	90 hours	60 hours	50 hours
Nutrition	130 hours	0	0	0	0
Botanical Medicine	110 hours	0	0	0	0
Chinese Medicine	160 hours	0	0	0	0
Scope of Practice	Primary Care	Primary care, specialties, subspecialties, surgery, anesthesiology, radiology, etc.	Primary care, specialties, subspecialties, surgery, anesthesiology, radiology, etc.	Family care through limited surgical with varied levels of supervision	Primary Care
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2 Years Didactic					
NPLEX Part 1		COMLEX Level 1		USMLE Step 1	
Systems based exams testing graduate level training in anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, immunology and pathology.					
2 Years Primary Care Clinicals		2 Years Specialty and Subspecialty Clinical Rotations			
NPLEX Part 2		COMLEX Level 2		USMLE Step 2	
		Clinical Intern Year			

	COMLEX Level 3				USMLE Step 3			
	Licensur e Enacted	Numbe r of ND's	Primar y Care	Prescriptiv e Authority	Imagin g and Labs	Minor Office Procedur es	Nutritio n	Pharma - cognosy
<b>Arizona</b>	1935	636	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Montana</b>	1991	90	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Oregon</b>	1927	925	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Utah</b>	1997	41	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Virgin Islands</b>			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Washingto n</b>	1919	1025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Idaho</b>		30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Puerto Rico</b>			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>DC</b>		16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Hawaii</b>	1925	114	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Maine</b>	1995	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>California</b>	2005	398	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>New Hampshire</b>	1995	62	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Minnesota</b>	2009	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Vermont</b>	1995	190	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Kansas</b>	2003	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Alaska</b>	1986	40	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Connecticu t</b>	1920	210	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

## PHYSICIAN SAFETY STATISTICS

### Comparative Malpractice Claims

Year(s)

Iowa

U.S.

<b>MD/DO Malpractice Claims Paid</b>	2009	70	107,391
<b>MD/DO Malpractice Claims Estimated Total Filed</b>	2009	450	1 million
<b>MD/DO Malpractice Claims Total Paid</b>	2009	\$27.6 Million	\$34.7 Billion
<b>ND Malpractice Claims Total Filed</b>	1990-2010	-	17

Malpractice claims against CAM practitioners occur less frequently and typically involved less severe injury than claims against Conventional Physicians. <sup>iv,v</sup>  
 -Journal of the American Medical Association

#### Naturopathic Licensing Boards-Disciplinary Actions

	<b>ND License Enacted</b>	<b>Number of Practicing NDs</b>	<b>Disciplinary Actions Taken</b>	<b>Relative Years</b>
Alaska	1986	40	<b>1</b>	Since 1995
Arizona	1935	636	<b>5</b>	Average Per year
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Kansas	2003	17	<b>0</b>	2006-2010
Maine	1995	35	<b>1</b>	Past 10 years
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Vermont	1995	190	<b>0</b>	2004-2009
Washington	1919	1025	<b>4</b>	Since 2008





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Sincerely,

Nancy Yoshino

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
patnelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is misguided and not an appropriate response to four years of solid prescriptive rights without fault. Naturopathic physicians are licensed physicians as this bill seems to for get. As well the receive just as much pharmaceutical education as MD are required to take. As well, they have far more training and education when compared to NP's, whom we gave prescriptive rights to help our state fill the void of health care practitioners. Residents of this state depend on their doctors, and this bill will create a situation where thousands of patients will be swarming the over burdened MD's, because their primary care physician can no longer provide the care they need. This bill will hurt the residents and doctors of Hawai'i. It has no reasonable position on the platform of public safety. It jeopardizes our reputation in the medical and public forum. And it puts Hawai'i on the wrong side of history. I've first hand witnessed the education of an ND, and have experienced the care of more than one ND and MD. This pissing match has no place in legislature. Look at the facts. Read up on the required education of an ND. And question the HMA testimony, as the last round of testimony used education requirements from the mid 80's. This bill needs to die. Hawai'i needs this bill to die. This feels like deciding to re-institute colored drinking fountains. We've moved passed this. Lets spend our time finding more ways to move forward. With respect to the legislature, and all your long hours. Thank you for reading this.

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Patricia Keene  
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January 26, 2014

TO: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health

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Please oppose SB2577 so we can continue receiving the exceptional care provided by our naturopathic physicians.

Thank you

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Waianae, Hawaii 96792

[January 26, 2014](#)

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Rachel Frederick

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January 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Dr. Ralph Wood Wilson](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please oppose SB2577, relating to Naturopathic Physicians  
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As a licensed naturopathic physician I am glad to be able to practice my role in the public's Circle of Care and I appropriately interact with medical and other professionals when it is needed.

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Sincerely,

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Ramona Heitzman  
Kaneohe, HI

January 26, 2014

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Sincerely,

(signed)  
Jeanne Beatty  
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Haleiwa, HI 96712

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**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
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As the proud mother of a Naturopathic Physician in her 10th year of private practice in Seattle, WA, I understand how tragically misunderstood and undervalued naturopathic doctors still are. The most important aspect in allowing ND's to freely practice and prescribe is that these doctors must complete every course of study as do MDs, plus many extra courses regarding safe and natural therapies to earn their Doctorate Degree.. My daughter, Candace McNaughton, ND, received her 4-year Bachelor of Science degree as pre-med studies from Hahnemann University in Philadelphia. She then attended medical school for five years, graduating with Honors from the highly esteemed Bastyr University before becoming licensed to practice medicine. She maintains the same mal-practice and other insurances as do MDs, attends required CEC classes, and is held to the same ethical standards to "do no harm" as all physicians.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Victoria Yocum

Pahoa, HI



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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/27/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ROBERT DUERR	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Naturapaths are my prime care community based physicians. They are fully capable of diagnosis. I go to a naturapaths for non-drug treatment. Homeopathy and nutraceutical plant based care. The medical companies making prescriptive drugs are able to advise them on health and effects. Make health care affordable. I support my naturapath and acupuncturist.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Grinpas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to any further restrictions on naturopathic physicians rights and practices. The naturopaths that I have worked with in Hawaii have been highly qualified and capable. It is, in my opinion, a good and positive, and economical thing to continue to allow naturopathic physicians to prescribe medications. Thank You

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/26/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Hardt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our son and his family live in Hawaii. Our granddaughter has autism and was having a tough time until they were able to get medications for her filled by naturopathic physician. When this was done there was a unreal improvement in her ability to function. They were home at our house for Christmas and we could not believe the changes and how well our granddaughter was doing. We want to support our granddaughter and her parents and oppose this bill. Thank you for your consideration. Robert and Vicky Hardt

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To: [HTHTestimony](#)  
Subject: Opposition to 2577  
Date: Monday, January 27, 2014 2:17:18 PM

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Mrs. Ruth Ota  
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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Mrs. Ruth Ota

**From:** [san shoppell](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
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The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I write urge to oppose SB2577

I have been in the helpful and confident care of a Naturopath doctor for over 18 years.

I this is a part of my personal choice that keeps my health on track. I pay for the service rendered in addition to the standard care coverage through my HSMA plan.

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Mahalo for your consideration

san shoppell

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FROM:

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Honolulu, HI 96839

January 26, 2014

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Sincerely,  
Sandy Miller

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**From:** [sarah frederick](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Oppose SB2577  
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January 28, 2014

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Sarah Frederick

**From:** [Rachel Laderman](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** No on SB 2577 - Save Naturopathic care  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 9:47:00 PM

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Naturopathy is a well-respected medical practice throughout the world. Increasingly large medical clinics, universities, and health insurance companies are encompassing naturopathic care. It is understood that naturopathic medicine is effective JUST AS IT IS in many areas that conventional western medicine is not. Traditional doctors, when stumped by allergies and all sorts of difficult symptoms, say "go see a naturopath"! Naturopaths have a complete, thorough and distinct training and it makes no sense to require naturopaths become licensed MDs, as well - it would only make it nearly impossible to be able to practice.

Please vote no on SB 2577.

Mahalo,  
Rachel Laderman  
PO Box 100036  
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**From:** [Shanon Sidell](#)  
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**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 1:33:41 PM

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Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and committee members:

My name is Shanon Sidell, a naturopathic physician practicing in West Hawaii on the Big Island since 2007.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB2577 which would require naturopathic doctors to fulfill MD or DO requirements for prescriptive privileges, require authorization from the DCCA.

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

Since prescriptive authority was granted to NDs in 2009 there have been no cases of harm, no safety violations, nor law suits in relation to prescriptive authority.

Hawaii Board of Naturopathic Medicine holds the profession to the higher standards than other states and Canada in the Hawaii administrative rules pertaining to parenteral therapy, minor surgery, standards of care and code of ethics.

ND already are required to be licensed by the DCCA, finding this portion of SB2577 redundant with current practice.

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The Hawaii naturopathic formulary is defined in HRS 455-1 as “vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines, hormones, and those legend drugs consistent with naturopathic medical practice. It is notable that this formulary has fewer items than 17 other states.

Due to these points, I do not see the necessity of bill SB2577 in increasing healthcare quality, safety or access in Hawaii. Please vote no on SB2577.



Sincerely,

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Randi Wright  
January 26, 2014

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**From:** [Hedona, Sasha](#)  
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**Subject:** PLEASE OPPOSE SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians (Hearing scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 229)  
**Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 9:13:40 PM

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Sharon Legacy

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/27/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shigemi Okada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the Bill SB 2577. I am a parent of a child with autism, epilepsy and other serious digestive disorders. While I have turned to MDs in the past for his general health and neurological health, no improvements were observed. About a year and half ago, I turned to an ND, referred to her by other parents of autistic children, who introduced me to biomedical treatments for Autism and Epilepsy. Our son just turned 12 years old this past weekend. Thanks to the biomedical treatments and his ND's guidance and her ability to prescribe pharmaceutical medicine, including folic acid, amino acid carnitine, and others, our son has been making great strides, improvements which we had not seen in years. Please stop/kill Bill SB 2577. As consumers/patients, we want our legislators to help protect our options. Please carefully consider the amount of training that the NDs receive while earning their licenses and designations. While the education process, examinations and training requirements may not be identical, NDs also receive extensive pharmacological education and training. In fact, they are probably much more familiar with drug-herb-nutrient interactions than MDs trained through school of the Western medicines. If this bill was intended to address certain concerns, please kill it for now and re-write it to address more specific concerns, rather than writing in a language that would remove the prescription rights for ND across the board. Your action will impact a large number of patients who look to/rely on NDs for their health care. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Shirley Sakoda

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**SB2577**

Submitted on: 1/26/2014

Testimony for HTH on Jan 27, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sondra	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My ND is the only doctor who listens and responds to my own personal needs. Please do not take away the rights of professionals like this. She has been my savior, my angel. If not for her and her expertise, I would still be dealing with my medical issues....

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**SB2577**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stanley Bruce Berger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a rehabilitation counselor working with injured workers, I have seen naturalpathic physicians provide benefit. It is unrealistic to require naturalpathic physicians to have the same training as medical physicians. It would be equally unrealistic to require medical physicians to be training in naturalpathic medicine. Hence, I am strongly opposed to this bill. Not only is this bill unrealistic it is divisive. When it comes to medical treatment, collaboration between professionals is key and this bill seeks to divide. Stanley Bruce Berger

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,  
William Hibbitts

Honolulu, HI



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Steve	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bill: SB 2577

Date: January 27, 2014

Room: 229

TO: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health

**PLEASE OPPOSE SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians**

Dear Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Committee Members,

I strongly ask that you to oppose SB2577 relating to naturopathic physicians. Many of Hawaii's residents choose Naturopathic medicine as a viable healthcare option. We trust these trained and qualified physicians as our healthcare providers. This bill would be detrimental to Hawaii's health care consumers because it would unreasonably restrict naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their high standards of education, training, competency, and safety.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not remove this choice. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

Susan Killeen  
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Aloha,

"Naturopathic physicians (NDs) were granted prescriptive authority by the legislature in 2009. Since that time, there is a clean record of safety. There have been no cases of harm (regarding naturopathic physicians that pertain to the prescription of medications) reported to the Regulated Industries Complaint Office, the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, nor has there been any lawsuits filed in this regard."

"SB2577 would also require a naturopathic physician to "fulfill the same education, examination, and training requirements as physicians or osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 453 prior to the prescription, administration, or dispensing of any prescription medication." This requirement would be untenable, onerous and contrary to existing state law. Naturopathic physicians should not be required to be a licensed MD or DO in order to prescribe prescription drugs. Naturopathic medicine is a distinct profession with its own educational, examination and training requirements that have been found to be equivalent in breadth and depth to those of conventionally trained physicians."

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Thank you, Susan Luscombe

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I am a student at Bastyr University and have 16 months until I graduate. I have many friends and family residing in Hawaii and it is on my short list of places to practice upon graduation. My husband has worked on the Islands for years and we were hoping to make it our home. If this bill passes it will probably take you off our short list of places to live upon graduation.

Hawaii is in need of good family physicals. By unreasonably restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their training, SB2577 would have many negative consequences on the overall quality of health care in Hawaii. It would drastically reduce our naturopathic physicians' capacity to effectively serve the public, and limit Hawaii's ability to attract top-quality naturopathic physicians.

Thank you,  
Susan Schafer

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January 26, 2014

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I am so grateful for my naturopathic physician who has been the support and guidance I never found with years of allopathic health care services. It is imperative that I have the kind of health care he provides available to me as I continue to work through my chronic issues. Please don't take away these non-invasive and healthy options for those of us who have come to value and appreciate the care provided by these well-trained physicians. They are a God-send.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

Tace Sofia

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tamara spurr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I, Tamara Spurr, oppose this bill that would take away all prescriptive rights that naturopathic physicians currently have. I have personally benefited very much from natural medicine, often in ways that traditional medicine cannot provide. - Tamara Spurr

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Tanya Pescht

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Kaneohe, HI 96744

January 26, 2014

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

Tanya Pescht



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teddy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Once again I am frusted by the cost of aprearring in person. I live on Kauai. I am a patient of doctor greenberg. I am familer with this issue. I am one of the thosands of citazens who are victums of the current status quo, In 1974 I was injured by prescription drugs. Again apromitly 7 years ago I was again injured by the prescribning of a prescription drug by a licenced MD in the state of hawaii. I had what another MD called a "stevens-johnson". I have medical records to prove this. I do not belive this would have happened if I could have afforded to go to a natorpath. I am medicaly damaged by this prescption. A natropath would have reconized this prior to the prescription. I have no kind words for the current medical esablishment. Allow natropaths their right under law to prescribe. Also stop blocking them from their right under law (HRS) to be rembersed through insurance. If I could have used insurance I would have gone to a natropath and avoided this injury.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terri Curtis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this measure. I have been going to Naturopaths for over 20 years and thankfully during that time, I have never been forced to go to a mainstream doctor for medication. It would be a huge step backwards in a world that should be moving forward and embracing all options.

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The Lum Family  
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January 26, 2014

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,

Rose, Christine, & Ariana Lum

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Tina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposing on behalf of Maecy Hardt and her family.

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Valerie Wayne  
Professor Emerita of English  
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Sincerely,

Valerie Wayne, Ph.D.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.

Sincerely,  
Vanell K. Naum

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Vanessa Mattos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Sending from my Iphone and it won't let me upload the text file so I am pasting it below: Please don't pass this bill. Naturopathic doctors are the reason I have hope for my health. After spending thousands of dollars on medical doctors and getting no help or improvement in my health, I have completely lost faith in medical Doctors and will only trust a Naturopathic doctor. Naturopathic doctors treat the root cause of symptoms and fixes them rather than treating the symptom itself and having more health issues arise because the true cause hasn't even been addressed. Even though I've had numerous blood tests with MDs, it was an ND that discovered I suffered from low blood sugar (hypoglycemia episodes), hormone imbalance, and hypothyroidism. And yes, for years I suffered the symptoms of all those issues listed above, but no MD would help me. Thanks to NDs I was able to get prescribed a thyroid supplement, hormone replacement, and blood sugar tester to help prevent severe hypoglycemia episodes that would cause me to sweat profusely, shake, and become weak and almost faint (very dangerous-look it up-could cause coma and death!) If it weren't for NDs and their prescription abilities I would still be suffering greatly. Please don't take away their prescription authority, unless you want to cause thousands and thousands of people to suffer greatly and lose complete faith in our system.

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Vicki L. Davis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am very opposed to this bill, since my grandsons medications for autism are prescribed by his naturopath in Honolulu. The MAPS doctor who used to come to Honolulu is no longer coming here, so you will be taking away a viable resource for an autistic child. Naturopaths are trained for many years, and have an extensive medical background which I feel prepares them for dispensing medicine. Please do not take this right away from them.....

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**SB2577**

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Wailua Brandman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in OPPOSITION to SB 2577, which would require Naturopaths to fulfill the same education, examination and training requirements as MDs and DOs. I believe this bill may be unconstitutional and discriminatory. No other prescribing provider is held to this standard of training and examination. Naturopaths are educated in an alternative philosophy and perspective to medical doctors. The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians states "Naturopathic physicians combine the wisdom of nature with the rigors of modern science. Steeped in traditional healing methods, principles and practices, naturopathic medicine focuses on holistic, proactive prevention and comprehensive diagnosis and treatment." They provide an alternative to traditional allopathic medicine while patients have the option to choose among diverse providers. If they want an allopathic physician they may choose to be treated by an MD or DO. If a provider wants to be an allopathic provider, they have the option to attend a traditional medical school and be held to the medical examination given to MDs and DOs. I do not find this bill reasonable, rational or constitutional. Please hold this bill in committee. Again, mahalo for the opportunity to comment on SB2577. Wailua Brandman APRN FAANP

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January 26, 2014

**TO: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair, the Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Senate Committee on Health**

**RE: PLEASE OPPOSE SB2577 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians (Hearing scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014 at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 229)**

Dear Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Committee Members,

I strongly urge you to oppose SB2577 relating to naturopathic physicians. This bill would be detrimental to Hawaii's health care consumers because it would unreasonably restrict naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their high standards of education, training, competency, and safety.

Naturopathic physicians were granted prescriptive authority by the legislature in 2009, and the Board of Naturopathic Medicine establishes rules regarding injectable medications, minor surgery, standards of practice and care, and a code of ethics. Naturopathic physicians are required to meet additional appropriate qualifications to perform injection therapies and minor surgery, and to prescribe pharmaceutical products. I know from experience that my naturopathic doctor prescribes procedures and medications that are safe, is extremely well educated, and follows the highest standards of care and ethics.

With all due respect, it would be both unreasonable and redundant to require that naturopathic physicians have licensure as MDs or osteopaths to qualify for prescription privileges. The training of naturopathic physicians is already so extensive as to more than qualify them in this regard. Naturopathic medicine is a unique form of health care with its own rigorous educational, examination, and training requirements, comparable in many ways to the requirements of other types of physicians such as MDs and osteopaths. Naturopathic

physicians receive ample training at nationally accredited naturopathic medical schools, including the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, such as standard methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They are trained in therapies given by injection, and highly qualified to safely prescribe medications. SB2577 would hinder their ability to practice according to their training, and according to standards that have long been upheld in other states.

The people of Hawaii have repeatedly demanded access to quality naturopathic care because our naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. As the general practitioners and primary care physicians who are most highly trained in preventive medicine, they are uniquely qualified to collaborate with other health care professionals in providing truly complimentary care. By unreasonably restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their training, SB2577 would have many negative consequences on the overall quality of health care in Hawaii. It would drastically reduce our naturopathic physicians' capacity to effectively serve the public, and limit Hawaii's ability to attract top-quality naturopathic physicians. Please allow our naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to continue receiving high quality naturopathic care.

Thank you for your consideration. **I look forward to hearing of your opposition to SB2577.**

Sincerely,

Warren KH Wong