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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clive Cheetham	Koa'e Community Association	Support	No

Comments:

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Laurie Steelsmith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Senate The Twenty-seventh legislature Regular Session of 2015 Committee on Health and Committee of Commerce and Consumer Protection Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 9:00 am SB 318 Relating to Naturopathic Physicians Testifier Position: Support Honorable Chair Green, Chair Baker, and Committee members: I am a licensed naturopathic physician and I have been in practice in Hawaii for 22 years. Please support SB 318 so that our Hawaii state law is consistent with federal law to eliminate health plan discrimination against naturopathic physicians in Hawaii. Last year Senator Baker said at one of our hearings for another bill that she wants to see health professionals working at the top of their profession, not the bottom. This bill would not only enable more people in Hawaii to have access to naturopathic health care, but would also provide naturopathic doctors with insurance reimbursement, which is consistent with many other licensed states. Other states who have consistently had naturopathic health care reimbursement have shown that naturopathic physicians reduce health care costs in the long run. This is most likely because naturopathic doctors spend a lot of time educating their patients, and they encourage their patients to make lifestyle changes consistent with increased health and wellness. Naturopathic doctors are trained in a wide range of modalities that include nutrition, botanical medicines, intravenous nutritional therapies, acupuncture and physical medicine modalities. Most of these methods of healing are inexpensive, non-toxic, and provide patients relief from pain and suffering. Naturopathic doctors are trained as primary care physicians. We do physical exams, order lab work, diagnose and treat disease. We also refer to other physicians (M.D.s, D.O.s )and specialists when appropriate. Please pass SB318 so that naturopathic physicians can practice at the top of their profession and provide insurance reimbursements to their patients. Sincerely Yours, Dr. Laurie Steelsmith N.D., M.S., L.Ac

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Aeryn Ralha	Individual	Support	No

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A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Senators of the State of Hawai'i, I have relied on my health from these practitioners for 3/4's of my 64 years. I am healthier than my peers and suffer not having avoided prescriptions, but changing my life to overcome any physical problems with the guidance of naturopathic experts. I affirm and hope that you will allow the lesser expense of these healing professionals so others can cure their causes of disorder, rather than simply medicate themselves to solve the temporary symptoms. Let the patient determine their health choices and in the process save the State of Hawai'i many unneeded medical expense. Mahalo for your rational and reasonable affirmation of HEALTH by voting for this reasonable bill, April Lee

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Ano Hanamana	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill because people should be able to chose who they trust their health to.

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