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REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMPLAINTS OFFICE**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**AND**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
WAYS AND MEANS**

**TWENTY-NINTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2017**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017  
9:50 A.M.**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 223 S.D.1  
RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE**

**TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR,  
TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, VICE CHAIR,  
AND TO THE HONORABLE DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:**

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department")  
appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony on Senate Bill No. 223  
S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine. My name is Daria Loy-Goto and I am the

Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO offers enforcement-related comments on the bill.

Senate Bill No. 223 S.D.1 authorizes naturopathic physicians to prescribe testosterone consistent with naturopathic medical practice. The bill also provides that a violation of Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), by a naturopathic physician is an added basis for discipline under §455-11, HRS.

RICO defers to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine on the issue of the authority of naturopathic physicians to prescribe testosterone. The additional grounds for discipline in Section 5 of the bill, however, will ensure that RICO can pursue disciplinary action against naturopathic physicians who violate Chapter 329, HRS, when prescribing testosterone.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on Senate Bill No. 223 S.D.1.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

AND

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2017

Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
9:50 a.m.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 223, S.D. 1, RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC  
MEDICINE.**

TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR,  
TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine (“Board”) thanks you for the opportunity to present written testimony on Senate Bill No. 223, S.D. 1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine. The Board is in support of this measure.

Senate Bill No. 223, S.D. 1 authorizes a naturopathic physician to prescribe testosterone, clarifies that naturopathic physicians who violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act can face disciplinary action, and makes technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

The Board takes its duties and responsibilities to the people of Hawaii very seriously. Since 1925, licensed naturopathic physicians have been practicing competently. Because naturopathic physicians have a solid education and medical

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and clinical training and because they are required to pass a national examination, the Board believes that they will prescribe testosterone in a safe manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill  
No. 223, S.D.1.



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TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

Senate Ways and Means Committee  
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair

DATE: Monday, February 28, 2017  
TIME: 9:50 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 211

FROM: Hawaii Medical Association  
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

### **Re: SB 223SD1 – RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE**

#### **Position: OPPOSE**

Chairs & Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association (HMA) opposes SB 223SD1.

The HMA believes scheduled drugs should be used judiciously, and only for therapeutic applications demonstrating evidence based, peer reviewed value and safety to patients.

The HMA feels that the use of testosterone, at this time, has not been adequately established for applications related to “anti-aging.” As recently as last week, the Journal of the American Medical Association published a study in which the therapeutic use of testosterone was demonstrated to have no significant effect on improving intellectual function in the elderly.

Additionally, the use of testosterone is not without significant side effects, including increased incidence of potentially life threatening blood clots, acceleration of prostate cancer growth and development of sleep apnea.

Until the role of testosterone as a therapeutic agent is fully understood, its use should be limited to those specifically trained in the use of hormonal therapy, such as endocrinologists.

Thank you for allowing testimony on this issue.

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