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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that naturopathic  
2 physicians provide skilled and quality care to patients  
3 throughout the State. Naturopathic physicians also work to  
4 promote integrated health care, such as the use and application  
5 of hormone therapy. Although naturopathic physicians in Hawaii  
6 have some prescriptive authority, they are unable to prescribe  
7 controlled substances. For instance, testosterone is an example  
8 of a controlled substance that is consistent with the practice  
9 of naturopathic medicine, but is prohibited from being  
10 prescribed by naturopathic physicians in Hawaii.

11           The legislature further finds that naturopathic physicians  
12 are known for their expertise in bio-identical hormone  
13 replacement therapy, including the use of estrogens,  
14 progesterone, and testosterone. The legislature also finds that  
15 licensed naturopathic physicians in Hawaii should have  
16 prescriptive authority for testosterone, as it is a controlled  
17 substance that is consistent with the practice of naturopathic



1 medicine. The legislature notes that the prescription of  
2 certain other controlled substances, such as narcotic drugs, are  
3 not considered consistent with naturopathic practice and should  
4 not be included in the naturopathic formulary. The legislature  
5 also notes that controlled substances have been included in the  
6 prescriptive authority for naturopathic physicians in other  
7 states, such as Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington.

8 The purpose of this Act is to authorize a naturopathic  
9 physician to prescribe and administer testosterone consistent  
10 with naturopathic medical practice.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 455, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§455- Testosterone; authorization. Subject to any  
15 requirements imposed by the department of public safety and the  
16 federal Drug Enforcement Administration, a naturopathic  
17 physician may register with the department of public safety  
18 pursuant to section 329-33 and may obtain a current federal Drug  
19 Enforcement Administration registration to prescribe and  
20 administer testosterone."



1 SECTION 3. Section 329-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "practitioner" to read as  
3 follows:

4 "Practitioner" means:

- 5 (1) A physician, dentist, veterinarian, scientific  
6 investigator, or other person licensed and registered  
7 under section 329-32 to distribute, dispense, or  
8 conduct research with respect to a controlled  
9 substance in the course of professional practice or  
10 research in this State;
- 11 (2) An advanced practice registered nurse with  
12 prescriptive authority licensed and registered under  
13 section 329-32 to prescribe and administer controlled  
14 substances in the course of professional practice in  
15 this State; [~~and~~]
- 16 (3) A pharmacy, hospital, or other institution licensed,  
17 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute,  
18 dispense, conduct research with respect to or to  
19 administer a controlled substance in the course of  
20 professional practice or research in this State[-];  
21 and



1        (4) A naturopathic physician licensed pursuant to chapter  
 2                    455 who is licensed and registered under section  
 3                    329-32 to prescribe and administer testosterone in the  
 4                    course of professional practice in this State."

5            SECTION 4. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 6 amended as follows:

7            1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
 8 and to read:

9            "Testosterone" means a schedule III drug as classified in  
 10 section 329-18."

11           2. By amending the definition of "naturopathic formulary"  
 12 to read:

13           "Naturopathic formulary" means vitamins, minerals, dietary  
 14 supplements, botanical medicines, homeopathic medicines,  
 15 hormones, and those legend drugs and testosterone consistent  
 16 with naturopathic medical practice[-]; provided that the  
 17 naturopathic formulary shall not include any narcotic drugs or  
 18 controlled substances, as defined in section 329-1, except as  
 19 otherwise provided in this chapter."

20           SECTION 5. Section 455-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 21 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1           "(a) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,  
2 the board shall have the power to deny, revoke, suspend, or  
3 refuse to renew any license to practice naturopathic medicine  
4 applied for or issued by the board in accordance with this  
5 chapter, and to fine or otherwise discipline a licensee for any  
6 cause authorized by law, including but not limited to the  
7 following:

- 8           (1) Failing to meet or maintain the conditions and  
9           requirements necessary to qualify for the issuance of  
10           a license;
- 11           (2) Procuring, or aiding or abetting in procuring, a  
12           criminal abortion;
- 13           (3) Employing any person to solicit patients;
- 14           (4) Obtaining a fee on the assurance that a manifestly  
15           incurable disease can be permanently cured;
- 16           (5) Betraying a patient's confidence;
- 17           (6) Making any untruthful and improbable statement in  
18           advertising one's naturopathic practice or business;
- 19           (7) False, fraudulent, or deceptive advertising;
- 20           (8) Being habituated to the excessive use of drugs or  
21           alcohol; or being addicted to, dependent on, or a



- 1 habitual user of a narcotic, barbiturate, amphetamine,  
2 hallucinogen, or other drug having similar effects;
- 3 (9) Practicing naturopathic medicine while the ability to  
4 practice is impaired by alcohol, drug, physical  
5 disability, or mental instability;
- 6 (10) Procuring a license through fraud, misrepresentation,  
7 or deceit or knowingly permitting an unlicensed person  
8 to perform activities requiring a license;
- 9 (11) Professional misconduct or gross carelessness or  
10 manifest incapacity in the practice of naturopathic  
11 medicine;
- 12 (12) Conduct or practice contrary to recognized standard of  
13 ethics of the naturopathic profession;
- 14 (13) Using medical service or treatment which is  
15 inappropriate or unnecessary;
- 16 (14) Submitting to or filing with the board any notice,  
17 statement, or other document required under this  
18 chapter which is false or untrue or contains any  
19 material misstatement of fact, including any false  
20 certification of compliance with the continuing  
21 education requirement specified under section 455-8;



- 1 (15) Failure to report to the board any disciplinary action  
2 taken against the licensee in another jurisdiction  
3 within thirty days after the disciplinary action  
4 becomes final;
- 5 (16) Using the title "physician" without clearly  
6 identifying oneself as being a naturopathic physician;
- 7 (17) Prescribing, administering, and dispensing  
8 naturopathic formulary that are not included in the  
9 formulary established by the board under section  
10 455-6; [and]
- 11 (18) Violation of chapter 329, the uniform controlled  
12 substances act, or any rule adopted thereunder, except  
13 as provided in section 329-122; and
- 14 [~~18~~] (19) Violation of any provision of this chapter or  
15 rules adopted under this chapter."

16 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2035.



**Report Title:**

Naturopathic Physicians; Testosterone; Naturopathic Formulary;  
Prescriptive Authority

**Description:**

Authorizes a naturopathic physician to prescribe and administer testosterone that is consistent with naturopathic medical practice. Clarifies that narcotic drugs and controlled substances, other than testosterone, shall not be included within the naturopathic formulary. Effective July 1, 2035.  
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