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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under existing law,  
2 continuing education requirements for naturopathic physicians  
3 only include courses approved by professional associations or  
4 organizations approved by the board of naturopathic medicine.  
5 Certain courses, which are otherwise accredited by a  
6 naturopathic medical school or another licensing board, are  
7 therefore not acceptable in Hawaii unless approved by a board-  
8 approved organization. This has resulted in significant amounts  
9 of additional work for these board-approved organizations and  
10 confusion amongst Hawaii's naturopathic physicians regarding  
11 acceptable continuing education courses.

12           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the list  
13 of acceptable institutions or organizations that can meet the  
14 continuing education requirements needed by naturopathic  
15 physicians for license renewal.



1 SECTION 2. Section 455-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "continuing education  
3 courses" to read as follows:

4 "Continuing education courses" means courses approved by:

5 (1) A state naturopathic licensing board;

6 (2) [a] A professional association or organization  
7 representing a licensed profession whose program  
8 objectives are related to naturopathic medicine; or

9 (3) A university, college, or institution of naturopathic  
10 medicine program accredited by the Council on  
11 Naturopathic Medical Education;

12 provided that the professional association or organization is  
13 approved by the board."

14 SECTION 3. Section 455-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

16 "(f) Prior to December 31 of each odd-numbered year, each  
17 licensee shall:

18 (1) Complete the renewal form prescribed by the board and  
19 certify that the licensee has complied with the  
20 continuing education requirement of this section for  
21 the applicable renewal period; and



- 1           (2) Submit evidence of completion of the continuing  
2           education courses taken during the applicable renewal  
3           period to the board, including but not limited to  
4           certificates of completion. At a minimum,  
5           documentation shall contain the following information:  
6           (A) Name of the licensee;  
7           (B) Title of the continuing education course taken;  
8           (C) Date that the continuing education course was  
9           taken;  
10          (D) Name of the state licensing board; professional  
11          association or organization that approved the  
12          continuing education course; or university,  
13          college, or institution of naturopathic medicine  
14          program;  
15          (E) Number of hours for the course; and  
16          (F) Number of hours for the course in pharmacology."

17          SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19          SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Naturopathic Medicine; Continuing Education; Licensure  
Requirements

**Description:**

Clarifies the list of acceptable institutions or organizations  
that can approve the continuing education courses needed by  
naturopathic physicians for license renewal. (SB777 HD1)

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