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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 309 and Via Videoconference

On the following measure:
H.B. 970, RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC

Chair Garrett and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rochelle Araki, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic (Board). The Department appreciates the intent and offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to allow chiropractic students to engage in clinical practice as part of their college instruction if directly supervised by a licensed chiropractor.

The Board appreciates the intent of this bill and respectfully requests to amend paragraph (d) on page 2, lines 16 to 20 to allow the Board to promulgate rules to (1) specify the requirements for a qualified chiropractic college; (2) specify the requirements for direct supervision of a qualified licensed chiropractor; and (3) define clinical practice.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a student enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college

from engaging in clinical practice under the direct supervision of a qualified licensed chiropractor as part of the student's educational program. The board shall adopt rules to specify the requirements for a qualified chiropractic college, specify the requirements for direct supervision of a qualified licensed chiropractor, and define clinical practice.

Consequently, the Board requests a delayed implementation date of July 2027 to allow the Board to promulgate rules that set out the requirements for students to engage in clinical practice as part of their college instruction under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:05:45 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dean Shivvers	Hawaii State Chiropractic Association	Support	In Person

Comments:

The Hawaii State Chiropractic Association supports this bill because it will help bring more Chiropractors to our state.

Our state has a shortage of Chiropractors and allowing them to get real world experience with the population will greatly benefit them professionally.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:11:49 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Goodman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:12:07 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ward Overton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:12:13 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nawai Emmsley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:12:35 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Ward	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:16:24 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea I	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:21:21 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chelsea Titus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because it will bring certified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:21:52 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hunter Williams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:27:42 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joe Leonardi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will assist in bringing qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

Joe Leonardi

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:44:41 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriela Mori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to Hawaii.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:52:03 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Deane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:55:09 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randy Baldomero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 7:59:19 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Hernandez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:07:36 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shanna Sardon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:09:15 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennae Leleo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Jennae Leleo and I am a chiropractic assistant in the state of Hawai'i. I am submitting testimony in support of HB970 and ask for the passing of this bill to allow chiropractic students the ability to train in established offices under licensed chiropractors. This will be of great service as it would expand chiropractic care for the people of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:22:06 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shaun Krein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the State of Hawaii. I explained in a previous testimony that this bill will help support a shortage of chiropractors currently in the state.

HB-970

Submitted on: 2/9/2025 8:52:26 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danielle A Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Bringing more chiropractors to Hawaii supports our population in seeking health options for healthy lives.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:13:48 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jocelyn Kapahua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2025 9:53:53 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angeline Brutus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:28:19 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paulene Quitazol	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:31:12 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Haylee Colla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:48:59 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beannalyn Tedtaotao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:56:24 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brooke Kubo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:56:27 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lea Sosa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:58:27 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Megan Sparling	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:00:16 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Evelyn Perez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:00:57 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin Koziol	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:07:43 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jillian Nitschelm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:46:05 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Awai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB970, as long as students have been trained properly, understand what they can do a person if done wrong and supervised by practicing/experienced experts. Experienced and Knowledgeable Chiropractors can make a difference in a person's life, as it did for me! But there are different types that do difference therapies, so best to have the free consultation to understand what they will do to help your condition. I see many people just crossing the street, dragging one foot behind the other because their back alignment is not corrected for decades. Just checking if one leg is longer than another makes a difference.

My first chiropractor, was Paris Oda from Kauai, sadly he didn't understand how the pressures of being successful can affect him from the smallest island and his wife worked with him who he chose from Japan! He was great, but with the changes in my different Health plans from HMSA to Kaiser, etc. costs would change for me, so I stopped going.

Dr. Oda told me that my 1/2" difference in my leg length caused me to have sciatica pain in my lower back and my knee and downwards. After a few weeks of treatment, he had reached his goal, to adjust the difference within a few millimeters! It really worked and the pain went away. But I also made other changes. I went from using a rolator living in a 3-floor walkup not going out, to a cane using the stairs more, and to doing water exercises in the pool daily at my new residence, to having a Service Dog that pulled me around and force me to exercise! Mahalo for letting me share my story in support of HB970!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:56:31 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allison King	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:38:21 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roberto Diaz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:06:52 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tajah Santayana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of ths bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:36:12 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin Blanchon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:02:30 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katie Gillum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL BECAUSE IT WILL HELP BRING
QUALIFIED CHIRPRACTORS TO THE STATE OF HAWAII.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 2:57:14 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kara Diaz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:01:47 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sasha Nicole Arreola	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 4:12:36 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paige Leonard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 6:40:31 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rory King	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:02:14 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shayrie Tédios	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 7:29:54 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
derek foust	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:04:59 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malaika Bacon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:51:57 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonah Carignan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:17:07 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shenice	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:10:43 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Goodman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this Bill because it will help to bring qualified Chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 7:53:46 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taylor Tupinio	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:01:35 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaichu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 9:22:34 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cody McKillip	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:16:52 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chyladiamone Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/11/2025 2:40:57 PM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jasmine Beard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 8:21:53 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chemilene domingo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/12/2025 10:45:12 AM

Testimony for HED on 2/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
dihna agapay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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