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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Monday, January 27, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 and Via Videoconference

On the following measure:
S.B. 144, RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC

Chair San Buenaventura 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 of 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 add language to the bill to allow the Board to promulgate rules to clarify (1) that the student has to be enrolled in a CCE accredited school; (2) the licensed chiropractor must have been practicing for at least 5 years and; (3) to define clinical practice.

Should this bill advance, The Board respectfully requests the following amendments:

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(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 defining the qualifications for the chiropractic college, the requirements for the direct supervisor and defining clinical practice. "

Consequently, the Board requests a delayed implementation of July 2027 to allow the Board to create rules pertaining to the clinical practice of a student under direct supervision.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:04:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

Hawaii has a underserved population and this bill will help.

The chiropractors that do intern here under existing chiropractors will have a better lay of the land. They will understand our specific population and how to best treat them. They will also gain knowledge of how our insurance system works.

Hawaii is one of only 5 states in the country that does not already allow this.

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Submitted on: 1/25/2025 8:03:07 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joe Leonardi	Testifying for Hawaii State Chiropractic Association	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.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 9:32:56 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 SB144 and ask for the passing of this bill to allow chiropractic students the ability to train in existing offices in Hawai'i. I have experienced first-hand the great benefits of chiropractic care and I believe in giving students who are wishing to be in the chiropractic field, the opportunity to witness the same benefits. Thank you.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 12:15:44 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nick Bowman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Having completed a degree in in Radiologic Sciences at KCC and being from the mainland I understand the importance of training with the Hawaiian population. Getting to know the customs of Hawaii prior to entering the workforce allowed me to better communicate at understand the specific needs of the Hawaiian, Pacific Island, and Asian cultures among others. I sincerely support the Chiropractic students training in the environment they intend to serve.

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Submitted on: 1/24/2025 2:09:31 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 2:15:54 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 2:37:26 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/24/2025 2:39:53 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 qualified chiropractors to Hawaii.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 2:47:23 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:01:32 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am in favor of supporting this bill to allow professional chiropractic students from an accredited university internationally to work during internship in Hawaii chiropractic offices with Hawaii licensed chiropractors!

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:02:02 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kara Pablo	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.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:02:18 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/24/2025 3:02:31 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taylor Tupinio	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: 1/24/2025 3:03:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacque Kim	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: 1/24/2025 3:04:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/24/2025 3:07:16 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 chiropractors to the state of Hawaii.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:07:24 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jonah Carignan	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: 1/24/2025 3:07:25 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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.

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Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:08:45 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawai'i.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:11:03 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 3:21:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/24/2025 3:43:30 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaichu	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: 1/24/2025 3:20:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sasha Nicole Arreola	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: 1/24/2025 3:44:01 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
julia velasco	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: 1/24/2025 3:44:14 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/24/2025 4:12:04 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frances Eves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/24/2025 4:15:20 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paulene Quitazol	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: 1/24/2025 4:23:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 1/24/2025 4:40:01 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Natalie Keith	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: 1/24/2025 4:52:51 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andy	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: 1/24/2025 5:16:04 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I have had the pleasure of being a chiropractor in Hawai‘i for two years now, and from many stories my patients tell me coming from other chiropractors, they have not been able to do true chiropractic treatment, which in many cases is two to three times a week. There is a major need for more qualified chiropractors on the island. Having the students able to come perform externships and train with an existing doctor will go far to remedy this issue. I strongly support the passage of this bill and look forward to being able to increase the number of qualified chiropractors in the state.

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Submitted on: 1/24/2025 6:03:23 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lizette 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.

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Submitted on: 1/24/2025 6:39:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/24/2025 7:54:00 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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.

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Submitted on: 1/25/2025 7:45:03 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daina Ann Elvenia	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: 1/25/2025 8:00:03 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. This will be great help to the chiropractic profession in Hawaii!

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Submitted on: 1/25/2025 8:00:37 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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.

SB-144

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 8:14:28 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 1/25/2025 11:45:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Zahn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I think this will really help the chiropractic profession.

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Submitted on: 1/25/2025 2:28:19 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jasmine Beard	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: 1/25/2025 5:10:16 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tajah Santayana	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: 1/25/2025 5:28:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doug Shivvers	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: 1/25/2025 5:33:53 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LISA SHIVVERS	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: 1/25/2025 8:29:20 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriela Mori	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: 1/25/2025 9:18:23 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2025 6:18:55 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/26/2025 9:01:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chyladiamone Johnson	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: 1/26/2025 7:08:36 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cody McKillip	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: 1/26/2025 9:11:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shenice Mechergui	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: 1/26/2025 9:14:47 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 help help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of hawaii.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2025 9:14:49 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/26/2025 9:16:09 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raya Keliinui	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: 1/26/2025 9:20:14 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shayrie Tegios	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: 1/26/2025 9:35:04 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Colosimo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am supportive of this bill because it will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii. Aloha

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Submitted on: 1/26/2025 9:39:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sadria Akina	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: 1/26/2025 9:43:42 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will greatly help Bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii. Resulting in a higher standard of care for more Hawaiian citizens.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2025 10:17:30 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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 will help bring qualified chiropractors to the state of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 1/26/2025 10:31:43 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mialoha	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: 1/26/2025 10:35:33 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this law being passed, new chiropractors would gain hands on knowledge working as a chiropractor while finishing school, making them a better doctors

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Submitted on: 1/26/2025 12:03:34 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 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: 1/26/2025 1:52:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/27/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Ogawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

sincerely

Alice Ogawa DC