

Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Testifier List and Summary as of February 17, 2010 11:03:01 AM

For Wednesday February 17, 2010 2:05 PM

HB 2312 ,HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine	Position
Sharon Abero	Oppose
Christie Adams	Oppose
Michael Adamshick	Oppose
Lei Ashing	Oppose
Tania Alfris	Oppose
Shirley Alexander	Oppose
Ruth Amancio	Oppose
Sara Amirmehrabi	Oppose
Donna Ando	Oppose
Katherine Andre	Oppose
Cassandra Aoki	Oppose
Alison Arista	Oppose
Mark and Carolyn Arnold	Oppose
Kevin Asaoka	Oppose
Judy Asman	Oppose
Alan Babcock	Oppose
Merrill Barrett	Oppose
Jill Barry	Oppose
Sonja Bigalke-Bannan	Oppose
LaVerne Bishop	Oppose
Dulcinea Bosio	Oppose
R. Brabenec	Oppose
Carrie Brennan	Oppose
Sarah Sue Burich	Oppose
Melissa Burns	Oppose
Lois Cain	Oppose
Janis Calton	Oppose
Claudia Chang	Oppose
Joyce Choy	Oppose
Susan Cohen	Oppose
Joanne Cooper	Oppose
Robert da Costa	Oppose
John Crum	Oppose
Beth Crumrine	Oppose
Lillian Cunningham	Oppose
Yuko D'Ambra-Ornellas	Oppose
Charlene Dave'	Oppose
Cynthia Dawson	Oppose
Bruce Douglas	Oppose
Barbara Durden	Oppose
Dawson Durden	Oppose

Dr. Shana Deneen	Oppose
Earl DePonte	Oppose
Catherine Dichner	Oppose
Patty Doo	Oppose
Erick Dunning	Oppose
Nancy Earth	Oppose
Bessie Estonactoc	Oppose
Alan Ewell	Oppose
Nicole Fechtig	Oppose
Laura Fenner	Oppose
Ryan Ferchoff	Oppose
Lynn Fonseca	Oppose
Anastasia Fontenot	Oppose
Veronica Ford	Oppose
Laurie Freed	Oppose
Sarah Frizelle	Oppose
Lauri Fu	Oppose
Dana Fujikake	Oppose
Corinne Fujimoto	Oppose
Lynn Garcia	Oppose
Ruth Gay	Oppose
Michaela Gillan	Oppose
Sarah Gilman	Oppose
Fabriann Gin	Oppose
Patricia Glasser	Oppose
Joshua Goldenberg	Oppose
Minda Goodman	Oppose
John Granito	Oppose
Denise Grayzell	Oppose
Esther Grinpas	Oppose
Colleen Haig	Oppose
Lynn Hearl	Oppose
Dawn Henry	Oppose
Diana Hirsch	Oppose
Lavina Ho	Oppose
Cody Hornsby	Oppose
Denise Honda	Oppose
Valerie Holst	Oppose
Kimberly Howsley	Oppose
Diana Hubbard	Oppose
Robert Hutchings	Oppose
Anita Johnston	Oppose
Teresa Johnston	Oppose
Tiffanie Jones	Oppose
Andrew Juechter	Oppose
Cynthia Kajioka	Oppose
Sharon Karayianis	Oppose
Carleen Kawamoto	Oppose

Aoi Kawano	Oppose
Lynda Kea	Oppose
Angelina Keighley	Oppose
K.M. Kelly	Oppose
Kathleen Kennedy	Oppose
Kristin Kern	Oppose
Nicole Kerr	Oppose
Nadia Kharas	Oppose
Judith Kliban	Oppose
Bert Kobayashi	Oppose
Cheryl Komenaka	Oppose
Louis Korn	Oppose
Laurene Lacaden	Oppose
Joan Larcom	Oppose
Melia Leslie	Oppose
Marsha Lowery	Oppose
Junko Lowry	Oppose
Tamara Lum	Oppose
Bonnie Marsh	Oppose
AnnMarie Manzulli	Oppose
Kathy Mayo	Oppose
Teena Michael	Oppose
Nanci Miller	Oppose
Sandra Miller	Oppose
Michelle and Tom Mitchell	Oppose
Tamara Montgomery	Oppose
Alyssa Moreau	Oppose
Heather Morgado	Oppose
Randal Morita	Oppose
Kari Chang Moses	Oppose
Janice Nagamine	Oppose
Denise Naylor	Oppose
Liz Nelson	Oppose
Kara Noyes	Oppose
Cindy and Maile Ogata	Oppose
Lenore Ogawa	Oppose
Tanya Oishi	Oppose
Jennifer Olson	Oppose
Karen Oliveira-Spofford	Oppose
Landon Opunui	Oppose
Catherine Ostrem	Oppose
Joseph Pacelli	Oppose
Pragati Patel	Oppose
Marcia Patrick	Oppose
Cassie Paguio	Oppose
Linda Payes	Oppose
Kristine Van Pernis	Oppose
Heather Pescht	Oppose

Zorka Pinkas	Oppose
Sharon Price	Oppose
Christopher Quinn	Oppose
Dominique Quinette	Oppose
Theresa Reed	Oppose
Kurt Rhoney	Oppose
Aimee Rice	Oppose
Barbara Ritchie	Oppose
Corey Robertson	Oppose
Kathleen Roth	Oppose
Angela Runyan- Berg	Oppose
Vicki Sakoda	Oppose
Heather Sandson	Oppose
Marietta Saravia-Stone	Oppose
Noyla Saravia	Oppose
Jacob Schmutz	Oppose
Lisa Scontras	Oppose
Amy Shearer	Oppose
Marie Sode	Oppose
Layne Soon	Oppose
Holly Soria	Oppose
Alex Steelsmith	Oppose
Laurie Steelsmith	Oppose
Patricia Storino	Oppose
Paula Stierli	Oppose
Kenmore Washington	Oppose
Joana Taba	Oppose
Christina Tabora	Oppose
Claire teGroen	Oppose
Erika Teska	Oppose
Caroline Thomas	Oppose
Sundeep Tiwade	Oppose
Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka	Oppose
Siu Wai Tsang	Oppose
Janine Tully	Oppose
Shari Tsukayama	Oppose
Theresa Turetzky	Oppose
Sophie Twigg-Smith	Oppose
Mary Louise Uchida	Oppose
Robert Valenta	Oppose
Shelley Vecchitto	Oppose
Csilla Veress	Oppose
Suzanne Walker	Oppose
Joy Wall	Oppose
Sunnie Wang	Oppose
Florence Wasko	Oppose
Janet Wassman	Oppose
Joan Marie Kellner Wehrman	Oppose

Valerie Wayne	Oppose
Franz Weber	Oppose
Joana Weber	Oppose
Amy Wells	Oppose
Anne Wheelock	Oppose
Carver Wilcox	Oppose
Gaylord Wilcox	Oppose
Emillie Wilson	Oppose
Rebecca Woodland	Oppose
Karen Yamamoto	Oppose
Monique Yuen	Oppose
Michael Yuu	Oppose
Kay Zane	Oppose
Darlene Laster	Oppose
Shari Lee	Oppose
Angela Leslee	Oppose
Cathy Downey	Oppose
Lauren Gerstle	Oppose
Miles Greenberg	Oppose

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From: Sharon Abero [AberoSH@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 12:01 PM
To: Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Glenn Wakai; CPCtestimony
Subject: Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Glen Wakai
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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Wednesday, February 17, 2010 02:05 PM

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Too whoever is trying to pass this bill, Y? Y r u against these physicians. I been using some of the therapies for the past 3yrs. Never felt better. Yd you want to get rid of the the 1 thing that makes me better? I don't want bill HB2312,HD1 to pass.

February 15, 2010

Re: **Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine;**
Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010, at 2:05 p.m.
in Conference Room 325 at the State Capitol, Honolulu, HI

The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair; Representative Wakai, Vice Chair; and Members of the Committee,

I just learned that HB2312, HD1 will go before the committee this week.

For your reference, I saw a naturopath a few years ago for the first time in my life. She was successful in solving a health issue for me that my primary care physician, an M.D., did not solve over a period of five years. I am grateful for the care I received from this naturopath.

For your information, I feel I have a right to obtain quality naturopathic care if I so choose and I insist upon maintaining my right to quality naturopathic care here in Hawaii.

I oppose any special interest group or groups pushing through legislation that will deprive me of my right to obtain quality naturopathic care in Hawaii. I deserve the same healthcare options that have long been available to people in other states in the U.S.

Please allow naturopathic physicians in Hawaii to practice as they have been trained and allow other citizens of Hawaii and me to be able to choose the kind of health care we wish to receive. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

By the way, I must know something about good health because I never have had to wear eyeglasses or contact lenses, have the blood pressure and pulse of a 15-year-old girl, never have been referred to a cardiologist, *etc.*

Sincerely,

Christie Adams
Healthy and Happy in Hawaii
Resident of the State of Hawaii for More than 50 Years
Honolulu, HI

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From: Michael Adamshick [adamshicksa@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:43 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Michael Adamshick

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Aiea, HI 96701

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Sincerely,

Lei Ahsing

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:47 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: talfris@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

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From: Shirley Alexander [nanasara7272@gmail.com]
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To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

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From: amancior001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:59 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1: Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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From: sara amirmehrabi [samirmeh1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:29 PM
To: CPCtestimony
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Sincerely,
Sara Amirmehrabi

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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Sincerely,

Katherine E. Andre

Cassandra Aoki
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

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After suffering from a near fatal bacterial sinus infection in 2002 and 2003, and receiving IV antibiotics and surgery to remove a large fungal plug, my body was completely depleted of vitamins and minerals as well as weight gained during 9 weeks of having a PIK line and not being able to exercise. I sought out Dr. Laurie Steelsmith after being referred to a psychiatrist by the neurologist that I mistakenly thought would help me. I have to say that I have been very pleased with the naturopathic medical care I have received in Hawaii, and I'm grateful that I can see a licensed naturopathic physician whose practice is governed by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division. This means that my naturopathic doctor's practice follows rigorous standards of care and ethics. I know from experience that my naturopathic doctor takes excellent care of me, prescribes procedures and medications that are safe, and is extremely well educated. Hawaii's naturopathic physicians receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training, and are highly qualified to safely prescribe medications.

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I know from further experience, after having gone to Mayo three times (2005, 2007, 2010), that the answer does not always lie with an M.D. I am as disenchanted with the medical care available in Hawaii from specialists as well as internal doctors and now Mayo as I was in 2004 when I sought a naturopath to help me heal my body. Neither of my current two ophthalmologists (one was second opinion) in Hawaii have ever dealt with Fibrous Dysplasia for which I was diagnosed with in the right orbit and right facial bones. The ophthalmologist that I was referred to by the Hawaii physician looked at my films and said, "You are so lucky that it is in the floor of your right orbit, you couldn't ask for a better place." Then he dismissed me or I should say left his office to confer with the attending residents in the hallway. I suppose since my facial bones weren't his area of expertise, he ignored those because I doubt my ENT is going to tell me that I am lucky to have it in the right maxillary sinus (whatever is left of the bone and tissue and cartilage since a former ENT I placed my trust in removed too much) but no one is going to do anything about it. That is why I will go back towards naturopathy and why we should have that choice. I know so many people (of all ages) who are seeking healing in many other ways than traditional western medicine because we have those avenues open to us at present.

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Cassandra (Sandy) Aoki

wakai2-Daniel

From: Alison Arista [ali.arista@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:18 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please Oppose HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Alison Arista
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February 16, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

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Sincerely,
Alison Arista

wakai2-Daniel

From: Mark and Carolyn Arnold [arnoldhi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:01 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please do the right thing for the people of Hawaii

From: Mark and Carolyn Arnold, 279 Makaweli Place, Honolulu 968025
February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Kevin Asaoka [Haupia37@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 4:39 PM
To: Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Glenn Wakai; CPCtestimony
Subject: Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Robert N. Herkes
Glen Wakai
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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Wednesday, February 17, 2010 02:05 PM

Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To whom it may concern,

I have actively used natural remedies and therapies for the past six years. They have helped cure me of colon Cancer, helped ease my CPD, and I've even lost weight. These natural physicians have given me a new lease on life and a very optimistic outlook to my future.

Judith Asman, R.N., M.S.
1001 Wilder Ave. #1105
Honolulu, HI 96822
February 15, 2010

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As one who utilizes Western, Eastern and naturopathic medical care for my self and my family, I am concerned that our elected politicians continue to be swayed by an overabundance of influence by our medical community (M.D. organizations) and want to unduly limit our "access to holistic care". As a Licensed Registered Nurse and concerned citizen, I am writing to request your strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine. By removing the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary, this measure would have dire consequences for Hawaii's healthcare consumers. Only the board of naturopathic medicine, not any other party, should have this authority.

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Judy Asman

wakai2-Daniel

From: Alan Babcock [babcocka@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:23 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Alan E. Babcock, Lt Col (Ret)
7525 Manulele Place
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February 15, 2010

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1. Hawaii deserves the better choices in medical care that naturopathic physicians provide.

Sincerely,
Alan E. Babcock

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babcocka@earthlink.net
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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Sincerely,
Merrill Barrett

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jill Barry
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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai,
Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your opposition to HB 2312, HD1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

I utilize naturopathic medical care here in the state of Hawaii and have been very pleased with the care I receive. I am comforted by the fact that I am able to see a licensed Naturopathic doctor who is governed by the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs division and therefore must practice following strict standards of care and ethics.

It is also my understanding that naturopathic physicians receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training at naturopathic medical schools which prepare them to safely prescribe medications.

Last year, the Hawaii State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. These modernizations are currently in place in Arizona, Oregon, New Hampshire, California, and Washington State. HB 2312, HD1 aims to remove some of these improvements.

With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

Please allow my naturopathic physician to practice as trained and allow me to receive quality care in a safe manner.

Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose HB Sincerely yours, Jill Barry
1006 15th Ave
Hon. Hi 96816

wakai2-Daniel

From: Sonja Bigalke [sonja_bigalke@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:13 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312

Sonja Bigalke-Bannan
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February 15, 2010

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Sonja Bigalke-Bannan

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From: LV [bishopl001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 4:51 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSED HB2312, HD1 Naturopathic Medicine

LaVerne M. Bishop
February 15, 2010

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Dulcinea Bosio [dulcinea@hawaii.rr.com]
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Dulcinea Bosio
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350 Ward Ave.
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Sincerely,
R. Brabenec

wakai2-Daniel

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 6:40 AM
To: CPCtestimony
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Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carrie Brennan
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: carriebrennan@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

wakai2-Daniel

From: Sarah Burich [Sarah.Burich@bastyr.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:29 PM
To: CPCtestimony

Sarah Sue Burich

Seattle, WA 98115

Bastyr University

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Sincerely,

Sarah Sue Burich

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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:59 AM
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From: Lois Cain [loiskc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:56 PM
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Lois K. Cain - 3015 Hibiscus Drive, Honolulu, HI 96815
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I'm sure that your busy schedules do not allow you time to keep abreast of every topic you are responsible for legislating for the benefit of the people of Hawaii. But you surely must know that MANY recent studies have shown that belief in the treatment is a major factor in healing. As such, what works for one does not necessarily produce the best result for another. This is precisely why we must be free to choose!!

Studies have also shown the benefit of "alternative and complementary medicine" which includes naturopathic medicine. The US government added this department and Queen's Hospital has done likewise. This is because the validity of alternative approaches to healing is now recognized amongst the most informed and enlightened members of the medical community.

It is unfortunate that HMA is so far behind the times. I sincerely hope that you and the members of your committee are not so short-sighted and ill-informed! Please do not be swayed by faulty testimony! Listen to the collective voice of those of us who have been helped by naturopathic medicine when the "standard approaches" failed. I am one of those people and I STRONGLY URGE you to reject this unfair and limiting legislation.

PLEASE REJECT HB2312, HD1 and re-affirm the legislation that you passed last session.

Thank you,
Lois Cain

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From: Janis Calton [caltonj001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:01 AM
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Janis Calton
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From: Claudia Chang [liliko369@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:47 AM
To: Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Glenn Wakai; CPCtestimony
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Claudia Chang
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Wednesday, February 17, 2010 02:05 PM

Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

As a Hawaiian who has utilized countless natural therapies it disgusts me that you would want to remove what powers they have earned. These physicians have undergone years of challenging courses. They have helped many including myself and my mother. I hope to God this Bill will be rejected. I oppose HB2312, HD1

Mahalo for your time to read my testimony.

Claudia Chang

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From: Joyce Choy [JMChoy96816@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 12:29 PM
To: Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Glenn Wakai; CPCtestimony
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Wednesday, February 17, 2010 02:05 PM

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Dear Representatives,

I am actually writing this on the behalf of my mother. She is 90 yrs old and not familiar with computers. Five years ago my mothers health was failing. The Drs. only gave her several months to live. They said her body was failing her due to her age. My family and I were at a loss with what to do until my friend recommended natural therapies. We thought it couldn't hurt trying new realms of medicine because according to the MDs there was nothing that they could do. We were warmly welcomed by the natural physicians and she was put on several therapies. We saw improvements with her health as well as energy after only a month of her participating in their programs. Her only several months to live has been going on her sixth year. I'm a strong supporter as well as the rest of my family to natural medicine. They gave us hope when the other doctors gave us tears. I strongly object and do not wish to see this bill go into fruition. I oppose bill HB2312,HD1

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From: Susan M. Cohen, Psy.D. [scohen@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:28 PM
To: CPCtestimony
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From: Joanne Cooper [jcooper@hawaii.edu]
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Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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E-mail: hawaiiaguaman@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

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Sincerely yours,

Robert da Costa
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HONOLULU HI 96812

February 16, 2010
From:
John Crum
PO Box 864
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I feel that the people of Hawaii deserve quality naturopathic care, and I don't want a special interest group pushing through legislation depriving us of our rights to quality naturopathic care. We deserve the same healthcare options that have long been available to people in other states!

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Volcano, HI

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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 12:59 PM
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Aloha Representative Herkes, Representative Wakai and Members of the Committee,

I am asking all of you to please oppose HB2312, HD1.

It is critical that naturopathic, preventive medicine and alternative treatments be available to the many who rely on their effectiveness.

Last year legislation improved the climate for naturopathic physicians and now the HMA-based special interest groups are desperate to see that legislation reversed thereby denying those that prefer naturopathic medicine over allopathic medicine the care they desire and deserve.

Thank you for your opposition.

Mahalo,
S. Beth Crumrine
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From: Lillian Cunningham [lillianc@hawaii.edu]
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Lillian Cunningham, 2257-A Kanealii Ave, Honolulu 96813
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On a personal note, it was our naturopathic family physician which properly diagnosed an issue my daughter was having. She was told tghat she potentially had MS at 24! The reality was that she was having a dangerous reaction to the birth control pill Yas! Once she stopped that all of her symptoms cleared up. Yet again he was right on. It is time for our naturopathic physicians to work within the frame work that is Western medicine. The two modalities working together will make Hawaii a mecca for good medical care.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Much aloha,

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cynthia Dawson
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Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bruce Douglas
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your opposition to H.B. No. 2312, HD1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose HB 2312 HD1.

wakai2-Daniel

From: Dawson Durden [durdenb001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:50 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB 2312,HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Barbara Durden
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Sincerely,

Dawson Durden, MD (Ret)

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From: shana deneen [drshanadeneen@gmail.com]
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Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am a licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist practicing in Hawaii. I am also a member of the Organization of Women's Leaders and the American Association of University Women. I am currently working side by side with Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, who has had a very successful and busy naturopathic medical practice for over 16 years, and has helped thousands of patients improve their health with natural medicine. There has never been a complaint brought against me or my practice.

I am writing to request your strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would remove the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary which would once again limit our scope of practice in Hawaii. It would also take away prescriptive rights that naturopathic physicians have had in other states such as Washington and Arizona. I have a license to practice naturopathic medicine in the state of Arizona which allowed me to prescribe legend drugs and have a full scope of practice when I was there. Please oppose this bill so that our naturopathic board can create a naturopathic formulary that allows naturopathic physicians to practice in Hawaii as they are trained in naturopathic medical schools.

Hawaii's naturopathic physicians have received extensive education similar to that of traditional medical schools. We are taught the same basic sciences that are in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. We also receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training, and are highly qualified to safely prescribe medications.

In Hawaii, we are an invaluable part of our healthcare system providing thousands of patients with safe naturopathic medical care. Please allow naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to give quality care in a safe manner, according to last year's modernization of our naturopathic law.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Shana Deneen

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Submitted by: Earl M. DePonte
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E-mail: Islandpapa001@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

I'm Oppose, Because I see a N.D. Doctor. He has giving me my life back. If you can help some one that is good and should not be taking away. With out the help of my N.D. Doctor. I would be in bed in pain and having trouble moving. Earl M. DePonte

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From: Catherine Dichner [cdichner1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:16 AM
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From: Doo, Patty [pdoo@kgmb.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:56 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Bill HB2312
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.jpg

I'm writing to OPPOSE Bill HB2312 – I have utilized naturopathic care for several decades for me and my family. My daughter was diagnosed with Absence Seizures when she was only 5 yrs. old. I turned to naturopathic care/remedies instead of the harsh medication that was recommended. I was so grateful that I had experts in naturopathic care to treat Sasha. Within 1yr. her seizures disappeared. Sasha graduated from Punahou with honors and is now attending the University of San Francisco. She is living a healthy vibrant life thanks to naturopathic care. Aloha, Patty Doo

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Erik M Dunning (Bastyr University, ND Candidate)

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Sincerely,
Erik M Dunning

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Nancy Earth
(American citizen)
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NEW ZEALAND

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Sincerely,

Nancy Earth

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Bessie Estonactoc [besto@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 6:48 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB2312

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February 15, 2010

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From: Alan Ewell [ewell@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:13 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB2312, HD1

I am writing to strongly urge your opposition to HB2312,HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine.

For years, the citizens of Hawaii have demanded access to quality naturopathic care. As the most highly trained of healthcare practitioners in preventive medicine, naturopaths are uniquely qualified to collaborate with other healthcare professionals in providing truly complimentary and integrative healthcare.

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Hawaii's naturopathic physicians are more than adequately trained to practice under our existing law. They complete four years of study at nationally accredited naturopathic medical schools, where they master the same sciences taught in standard medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. Their training also includes clinical nutrition, pharmacology, cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, neurology, and endocrinology. In addition, they must complete 1,200 hours of primary care in outpatient settings before sitting for rigorous licensing exams.

HB2312, HD1 would remove the authority of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary. Please reject this misguided attempt to return to past restrictive practices. Only the Board of Naturopathic Medicine has the education and experience to evaluate and regulate issues unique to the naturopathic medical profession, and it would be inappropriate to allow any other entity to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,
Alan Ewell
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wakai2-Daniel

From: Nicole Fechtig [nicolefechtig@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:59 PM
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Sincerely, Nicole Fechtig

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From: Laura A. Fenner
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Laura A. Fenner

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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

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I am a naturopathic physician, writing to strongly urge your opposition to H.B. No. 2312, HD1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

I utilize standard naturopathic medical care here in the state of Hawaii for the past 7 years. My patient care about their health and the care that I can provide them. Many do not have insurance and come to me to get a lot of their primary health needs taken care of. By allowing the scope of practice to be what it is allows me and other naturopathic physicians to practice the way that we were taught and trained. Taking away rights and privileges only hurts the people of Hawaii, and their rights to receive naturopathic primary care medicine.

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Lynn H. Fonseca
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Honolulu, HI 9816
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Sincerely,

Lynn Fonseca

wakai2-Daniel

From: Anastasia Fontenot [afontenot@punahou.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:06 AM
To: CPCtestimony
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Anastasia Fontenot
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Mililani, HI 96789

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:31 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: VMFordND@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Veronica Ford
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: VMFordND@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your opposition to S.B. No. 2489 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools. Last year, the Hawai'i State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. SB 2489 aims to remove these improvements. With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose SB 2489.

wakai2-Daniel

From: Laurie Freed [lfreed@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:24 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Laurie Freed
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From: Sarah Frizelle [Frizelles001@hawaii.rr.com]
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Sincerely,

Sarah Frizelle
60 N. Beretania St. #1905
Honolulu, HI 96817

From: Lauri Fu [lauri808@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:32 PM
To: CPCtestimony
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Corinne Chun Fujimoto
P.O. Box 208
Kaaawa, HI 96730

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From: Lynn Garcia [lynnogarcia@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:52 AM
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From: Ruth Gay [rgay@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:36 PM
To: CPCtestimony
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Ruth Gay, 1626 Ruth Place, Honolulu, HI 96816

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Michaela Gillan

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From: Sarah Gilman [sarahanngilman@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:55 PM
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Sarah Ann Gilman
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From: F. Gin [fgin888@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:40 PM
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Fabriann Gin
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As an ethnically mixed woman, partly Chinese/Hawaiian, I grew up watching my Grandparents benefit from both eastern and western medicine, not to mention Hawaiian herbal and lomi lomi treatments, all for the good. I carried that Respect for east and west into adulthood. I have met many patients of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, one of Hawaii's finest naturopathic physicians, Who say they haven't had a sick day since going to her and taking her Advice --- holistic of course, which addresses the well being of the Entire person, not just the physical body.

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Glaser

wakai2-Daniel

From: Joshua Goldenberg [joshua.z.goldenberg@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:25 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Sincerely,

Joshua Goldenberg

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

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wakai2-Daniel

From: John Granito - Architect & Associates [granito@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:48 AM
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From: Denise Grayzell [danceonhi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:18 AM
To: CPCtestimony
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:21 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: esti@bobstropicals.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Esther Grinpas
Organization: Individual
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wakai2-Daniel

From: Colleen Haig [colleenhaig@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:22 AM
To: CPCtestimony
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From: Lynn Hearl [lynninhi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 4:27 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Lynn Hearl
Hawaiian Alchemy
2007 Forest Hills Road
Prescott, AZ 86303
February 15, 2010

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Sincerely,

Lynn Hearl

wakai2-Daniel

From: dawn@dawnhenry.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 9:50 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: please OPPOSE HB2312

As a resident of South Kona on the Big Island, I am writing to request that the House Consumer Protection Committee vote to OPPOSE HB2312, which would effectively and substantially take away my access to healthcare on the Big Island, and which would unfairly and unwisely shackle the hands of some of Hawaii's best doctors.

The House, in its wisdom, voted just last year to modernize the naturopathic medicine scope of practice to include parenteral therapy, minor office procedures and for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to develop a prescription formulary.

Why is this committee entertaining a bill that would repeal such recently-passed legislation only a month after it has become effective? What could possibly be driving this bill but special interests who slumbered through last year's session and now want to waste the committee's time with their narrow agenda?

Please do not give any more time to this issue. Allow our naturopathic physicians to do what they do best – attend to the wellness of Hawaii's citizens.

Dawn Henry
808-756-1996

wakai2-Daniel

From: Diana Hirsch [dhirsch@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:54 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

Diana Hirsch
22 Palione Place
Kailua, HI 96734

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wakai2-Daniel

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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:24 PM
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Thank you for giving this your serious consideration. **Please oppose HB2312, HD1.**

In appreciation,

Lavina Ho
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Honolulu HI 96823

wakai2-Daniel

From: Cody Hornsby [hornsbyc@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:29 AM
To: Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Glenn Wakai; CPCtestimony
Subject: Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Robert N. Herkes
Glen Wakai
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Cody Hornsby
hornsbyc@hawaii.edu
2710 Nakookoo st.
Honolulu, HI 96826

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 02:05 PM

Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To Whom it may concern.

I am a student of University of Hawaii and I have actively used naturopathic medicine for several years. oxygen therapy and nutritional therapies I have done has helped me with my athletic field. Therefore I strongly oppose the bill HB2312, HD1.

wakai2-Daniel

From: denise320@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 1:25 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312

Denise Honda
3054 Ala Poha Pl., #1403
Honolulu, HI 96818
February 15, 2010

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Valerie Holst
P O Box 240290
Honolulu, HI 96824

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From:

Kimberly Howsley
1778 Ala Moana Blvd. #3401
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Sincerely,
Kimberly Howsley

wakai2-Daniel

From: Diana Hubbard [Diana.Hubbard@bastyr.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:24 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Diana Hubbard
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February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

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Sincerely,
Diana Hubbard ND2013

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

DRAFT TESTIMONY:

HB2312, HD1 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary.

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Please allow my naturopathic physician to practice as trained and allow me to receive quality care in a safe manner. This is my only affordable source of healthcare and a good front line resource for information on and recognition of bigger problems. It is my experience that my ND knows the limits of his training and will refer me to outside physicians for treatment or opinions.

wakai2-Daniel

From: DrAJ1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:55 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Anita Johnston, PhD., Director Anorexia & Bulimia Center of Hawaii
February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

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The procedures and medications are safe and consumers should have the option to receive treatment from naturopathic physicians. I am concerned that a small special interest group, with faulty information disparaging naturopathic medical school training and questioning the safety of naturopathic medicine has given testimony in support of this bill.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
Tiffanie A Jones

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From: Andrew Juechter [ajuechter@gmail.com]
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To: CPCtestimony
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Sincerely,

Andrew Juechter: Student of Naturopathic Medicine at Bastyr University.

wakai2-Daniel

From: C K [cnkenterprise@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:26 AM
To: CPCtestimony
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Cynthia Kajioka
February 15, 2010

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Sincerely,
Cynthia Kajioka

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Cc: drsharonk@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Carleen Kawamoto [carleenk@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:56 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Carleen Kawamoto
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wakai2-Daniel

From: aoi k [aoi_kawano@hotmail.com]
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Sincerely,
Aoi Kawano

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Mahalo,

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wakai2-Daniel

From: K.M. Kelly [stardance@earthlink.net]
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To: CPCtestimony
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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:31 AM
To: CPCtestimony
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Importance: High

Kathleen V. Kennedy

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Judith k. Kliban, HC1 #97, Hana, HI 96713

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From: Annette Yanagida [annette@kobayashi-group.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:03 PM
To: CPCtestimony
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Bert A. Kobayashi

Ashley-Nicole
Health Committee Clerk

From: Cheryl Komenaka [mailto:DoNotShareThisAddr@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:46 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: OPPOSITION TO HB 2312, HD1

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Hawaii's naturopathic physicians are more than adequately trained to practice under our existing law. They have extensive training at nationally accredited naturopathic medical schools, and they are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians who diagnose and treat disease. They receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They are trained in vitamin therapies given by injection, as well as in the prescribing of certain drugs. They also study in-depth a wide range of approaches to disease prevention, completing four years of study that includes clinical nutrition, pharmacology, cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, neurology, and endocrinology. At the same time, they are required to complete 1,200 hours of clinical training in primary care outpatient settings before passing national licensing exams.

I and many others I know have personally experienced the benefits of naturopathic healthcare that have eased and/or completely reversed problematic or chronic health conditions through treatment by competent naturopathic practitioners in non-invasive, non-chemical ways that regular MDs did not and were admittedly untrained in. Naturopathic medicine ENHANCES rather than COMPETES with western medicine. HMA should GET A CLUE. BOTH have a place in complete healthcare. Naturopathic medicine focuses on good health through basic principles in ways that conventional medicine does not, especially when it comes to many chronic diseases and conditions that a vast majority of our society is plagued with. Naturopathic medicine uses a proactive approach that reverses and/or prevents many unnecessary illnesses. It is not to say that the advancements in western medicine are not superior and/or appropriate for certain conditions, such as acute infections and physical injuries, however, the public should have a CHOICE and equal support of naturopathic practices in healthcare insurance coverage. Expanding the way we think about healthcare by acceptance of naturopathic philosophies is a highly efficient, if not the only way of reducing the burden on the nation's health insurance companies to provide citizens with good healthcare at reasonable costs. Naturopathic medicine teaches people ways to become healthier instead being forever dependant on drugs after the fact.

Last year's modernization of Hawaii's naturopathic medicine law allows our naturopathic physicians to finally

practice according to their training as primary care physicians - and according to standards that have long been maintained in many other states. For many years naturopathic physicians in other states have had the right to prescribe medications, do minor surgery, and do injections (both intramuscular and intravenous).

The citizens of Hawaii have demanded access to quality naturopathic care because our naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. As the most highly trained of healthcare practitioners in preventive medicine, they are uniquely qualified to collaborate with other healthcare professionals in providing truly complimentary and integrative healthcare.

HB2312, HD1 would greatly diminish the quality of naturopathic medicine in Hawaii, because it would essentially remove the benefits gained in last year's modernization of our naturopathic law. It would significantly reduce our naturopathic physicians' capacity to serve the public, and limit Hawaii's ability to attract top-notch naturopathic physicians. As a result, it would be detrimental to the overall quality of healthcare in our state.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of your opposition to HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Komenaka
Honolulu, HI

wakai2-Daniel

From: Louis Korn [loukorn@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:48 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB 2312, HD1

from Louis Korn, PO Box 851, Naalehu HI 96772; 808-929-9938

to <http://capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony/Default.aspx>

re HB 2312, HD 1 (Naturopathic Medicine) 17 February 2010; time 2:05; conference room325

A WW 2 disabled veteran, I have witnessed the decline of health care in the U.S. accelerating since the Reagan administration. Quality medical care is now beyond what most people, who are much poorer, can afford. Our average life span is lowest among all industrialized countries; our infant mortality climbing to rates in the third world.

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You in the Hawaii State House know the extent this applies to you. Passing HB 312, HD1, favors big pharma, AMA's efforts to exclude other health care disciplines and, indirectly, what has become our toxic food industry that promotes obesity and its accompanying illnesses. Whenever laws are passed that are detrimental to people's welfare, they must be routinely violated, for the consequences of obeying them brings us closer to what is now generally recognized as certain extinction unless we change from acting in our short term interests to our long term common interests.

Sincerely,

Louis Korn

wakai2-Daniel

From: Laurene Lacaden [laureneann7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:58 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB2312HD!

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing because I oppose HB2312. It really concerns me that it takes so much diligence on our part to have our elected official represent us. Please keep in mind why we voted for you. Please oppose this motion once and for all! Thank goodness for the citizens that try and keep one step ahead of you!

Thank you.

Laurene Lacaden, a retired teacher.

From: Joan Larcom
3006 Pualei Circle,
Apt. 306
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marsha Lowery
Organization: Individual
Address: 1340 SE Knapp st Portland OR 97202
Phone: 775-813-4687
E-mail: Marsha.Lowery@student.ncnm.edu
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

I left Hawaii in 2004 to complete my degree in Naturopathic Medicine, with the intention to return to Hawaii to practice. The requirements to get in to Naturopath Medical school are a 4 year degree including pre-med science courses. I am currently in my 2nd year at National College of Natural Medicine. I am attaching a summary of our curriculum. As you will see it includes pharmacology which is the same course that is taught at Oregon Health and Science Universities MD program.

<http://www.ncnm.edu/academics/Programs/08-09.htm>

Mahalo,

wakai2-Daniel

From: Junko Lowry [julowry@ksbe.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:18 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

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From: tammylum@aol.com
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Tamara Lum
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TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Honorable Robert Herkes, Chair

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

HB 2312, HD1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

For a hearing scheduled Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 2:05 PM, Conference Rm 325.

February 15, 2010
Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. Bonnie Marsh, licensed Naturopathic Physician and Registered Nurse. I am a member of the Hawaiian Naturopathic Community and I am here today to testify on behalf of myself and my patients who write in OPPOSITION of HB 2312, HD1.

Last year the legislature passed SB420 SD2, HD2 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine which was subsequently vetoed by Governor Linda Lingle and then overridden during special session by the Senate with a vote of 25 ayes to 0 noes with one reservation and by the House with 45 ayes to 2 noes, with 4 excused to create Act 22 on 7-15-2009. Act 22 amends chapter 455 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS 455) to modernize the naturopathic medicines scope of practice to include parenteral therapy, minor office procedures and for the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to develop a prescription formulary.

HB 2312 seeks to eliminate this modernization of HRS 455 by repealing the authority of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine to annually publish a formulary which reflects the pharmacological training, expertise and patient care needs of a licensed naturopathic physician.

A more detailed explanation of naturopathic medicine and the specific modernization aspects of HRS 455 as they relate to prescriptive authority are presented below.

A Brief Description of Naturopathic Medicine:

Naturopathic medicine bridges the gap between natural and conventional medicine. It is a distinct and comprehensive form of medicine that blends centuries-old, natural, non-toxic therapies with current advances in the study of health and human systems. Naturopathic medicine covers all aspects of family health from prenatal to geriatric care, with a special focus on whole-patient wellness.

Philosophy and Treatment Methods:

Naturopathic physicians (ND) are trained as integrative doctors, emphasizing the use of natural therapies in the treatment and prevention of acute and chronic illnesses. Naturopathic practice is predicated upon the assumption that the human body is inherently capable of healing itself. The use of prescription drugs is held for illnesses which have not responded to naturopathic therapies and/or have the potential for serious complications if not treated more aggressively.

In practice, NDs perform physical examinations, take thorough health histories, make nutritional and dietary assessments, and order lab tests. NDs may also order diagnostic tests and imaging procedures such as x-rays, ultrasounds, and anything else a general practitioner would require to access health and determine appropriate treatment methods for a patient. Referrals are made to specialists or other healthcare providers for additional testing or treatment when necessary.

An Overview of Naturopathic Medical Education:

Naturopathic physicians attend four-year, graduate level, in-residency programs at institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. There are currently four such schools in the United States. Naturopathic medical schools provide the same foundational coursework as conventional medical schools. In fact, ND programs often provide more pharmacology and physiology than mainstream MD schools do. In addition, ND programs provide extensive education unique to their treatment approach, emphasizing disease prevention and wellness.

While this list is by no means comprehensive, naturopathic physicians are trained in the following: clinical nutrition, botanical medicine, pharmacology, parenteral/intravenous therapies, homeopathic medicine, physical medicine, lifestyle counseling and stress management, natural childbirth, minor office procedures and monitoring nutrient/drug/herb interactions. In fact, NDs are the only healthcare professionals formally trained to monitor and manage nutrient/drug/herb interactions.

Naturopathic Medical School Pharmacological Education:

Interventions by naturopathic physicians include the use of pharmaceuticals when appropriate. Naturopathic medical students are required to learn about all classes of pharmaceutical agents, regardless of their ability to prescribe them under various state laws. A typical program includes 72 hours of classroom education which includes the principles of pharmacodynamics, side effects, and therapeutic uses of legend, or prescription drugs. This does not include many other hours in courses such as gynecology, urology, cardiology, dermatology, etc. where prescription medications are discussed. It also does not include the 1548 hours of clinical training where prescription medications are prescribed, administered, and managed as part of comprehensive treatment plans. This compares favorably with the didactic education for other medical professionals with legend drug prescribing rights.

Pharmacology is also an integral part of the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination (NPLEX). NPLEX consists of extensive clinical case summaries for which the candidate must answer a series of questions relevant to diagnosis and treatment for each case.

Naturopathic students are exposed routinely in their clinical training to the appropriate selection, prescription, and management of prescriptive drug use, with clinical rotations providing practical management experience. They are also exposed to a wide variety of patient populations, and while it is true that many patients select naturopathic care based on their desire to avoid or reduce use of legend drugs with perceived side effects, a drug may be the best choice for their care at certain times. Naturopathic physicians are trained to recognize the indications, efficacy and potential side effects of all drugs a patient is on whether they can prescribe them or not, since many patients come in already taking medications. In all teaching clinics, assessment of the patient history includes an evaluation of their current pharmacological treatments.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine's formulary adoption:

The formulary adopted by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine on 1/1/10 is based on the need of naturopathic doctors to safely and effectively provide primary care. Naturopathic physicians seek to support a patient's inherent ability to heal utilizing the therapeutic modalities of naturopathic medicine and in so doing are often able to reduce or eliminate the need for a prescriptive medication. Without the legal authorization to prescribe such medications a naturopathic physician can not independently take a patient off or alter the dose of a prescriptive medicine.

Similar and broader formularies to the one adopted by the Board were adopted many years ago in other western states, such as Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah and Montana. The Hawaii naturopathic formulary does not include any controlled substances, or any medications which are primarily prescribed by specialists, such as oncologists, neurologists, and cardiologists.

Practical Safety Considerations:

The Naturopathic Board evaluated the work of other states to evaluate the safety record of naturopathic doctors who have had legend drug prescriptive authority in other states and found the following:

In preparation for the establishment of California's Naturopathic Bureau (the equivalent of Hawaii's Naturopathic Board), formulary, the Bureau contacted the licensing agencies for each of the states that allow NDs to prescribe. None of the states, as of 2007, reported any patient harm or disciplinary action due to ND prescribing. In addition, the states were not aware of any civil actions against NDs for prescribing. A current assessment has not been conducted.

The California Bureau also contacted NCMIC Insurance Company. NCMIC insures NDs in all of the licensing states and also insures the naturopathic medical schools. In a letter to the Bureau dated June 7, 2006, NCMIC stated: "In the five years that NCMIC has been insuring Naturopathic Physicians and the colleges, we have never opened a claim against a Naturopathic Physician involving prescription medications."

Additionally, the Bureau contacted Jury Verdicts Northwest (JVN) to see if there were any civil actions filed against a licensed ND. JVN covers both Oregon and Washington, the two states with the greatest number of NDs and that have been licensing NDs for a considerable length of time (since 1919 and 1927, respectively). JVN responded "Upon reviewing cases contained in Jury Verdicts Northwest's database we found no cases against naturopaths for prescription negligence." The Inevitable Overlapping Scopes of Practice:

The scope of practice of NDs is most similar to that of family medicine or internal medicine MDs. Given the evidence of the current and growing shortage of primary care physicians in the state, the recent adoption of a broader formulary creates within the state the specific advantage of being able to immediately expand the workforce available to work in community clinics, in rural areas, and in underserved communities. The following important factors create this possibility:

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Whenever possible naturopathic physicians de-emphasize the use of pharmaceuticals, and a large percentage of patients seek out naturopathic care in order to decrease reliance on pharmaceuticals. However, NDs recognize the important of pharmaceuticals and the ability to prescribe them as needed in the best interest of their patients.

When necessary and appropriate naturopathic physicians prescribe pharmaceuticals to effectively treat within the standard of care. This is significant as more and more patients are choosing to use NDs, as their primary care providers and in some cases exclusively to meet their healthcare needs.

Opposition of HB 2312 HD1 would allow naturopathic physicians to continue to safely practice primary care medicine as they are trained to.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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I utilize naturopathic medical care here in the state of Hawaii and have been very pleased with the care I receive. I am comforted by the fact that I am able to see a licensed Naturopathic doctor who is governed by the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs division and therefore must practice following strict standards of care and ethics.

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With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

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Michelle and Tom Mitchell

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Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I have been seeing naturopathic physicians for years and find them superior, in many ways, to standard physicians. I strongly oppose HB2312, HD1. I have always regarded Hawaii as innovative and future thinking in its approach to medicine. Why not let us have our naturopaths? Please, please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Respectfully,
Tamara Montgomery

Alyssa Moreau
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Sincerely,

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From: Janice Naga [janicenaga@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:37 AM
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Sincerely,
Denise Naylor

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From: elizabeth nelson [hawaiiiliz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:33 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB2312, HD1

My name is Liz Nelson and I live in Kaneohe. I am a RN, so involved in the medical field. But I also have massage, acupuncture, chiropractic work and healing touch. I firmly believe that Western medicine alone cannot fix all the problems that we as a society are dealing with. Naturopathic Medicine is a valuable service and complement to Western medicine. Please really think about this issue and listen to the will of the majority of people, not just a few who are possibly threatened by change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Liz Nelson

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From: Kara Noyes [kknoyes@gmail.com]
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From: Cindyogata@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:53 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB 2312 HD1

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai,
Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your **opposition to HB 2312, HD1** as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

Our family utilizes naturopathic medical care here in the state of Hawaii and have been very pleased with the care we have received. We are comforted by the fact that we are able to see a licensed Naturopathic doctor who is governed by the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs division and therefore must practice following strict standards of care and ethics.

It is also my understanding that naturopathic physicians receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training at naturopathic medical schools which prepare them to safely prescribe medications.

Last year, the Hawaii State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. These modernizations are currently in place in Arizona, Oregon, New Hampshire, California, and Washington State. HB 2312, HD1 aims to remove some of these improvements.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please **Oppose HB 2312 HD1**.

Sincerely yours,
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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:16 AM
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Lenore L. Ogawa
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To be honest, I was not familiar with naturopathic medicine prior to a health professions career fair during my senior year of undergraduate studies. I was in the process of studying for my MCAT and applying to allopathic medical programs across the country when I first received a brochure on natural medicine. Intrigued by this small niche in the medical community I began looking into this field of medicine. I was instantly amazed at how closely naturopathic medicine correlated with my philosophy on health and life. Using the healing power of nature and our bodies innate healing ability seemed so powerful, yet inadequately utilized in healthcare. I wanted to practice a form of medicine that allowed me the opportunity to focus on prevention and wellness, while treating patients with natural therapies. My decision to pursue a career as a ND as opposed to MD or DO had nothing to do with my qualifications, licensing, prestige or job security. My decision had everything to do with how I could best serve my Hawaiian community and improve the quality of life of those around me.

I am very impressed with the rigor of my program thus far and feel as if it is preparing me to be an effective clinician. Having just finished midterms, I can assure you that naturopathic medical students are being challenged intellectually in the basic sciences which provide the important foundation for every physician. I believe that it is important to be an open-minded skeptic and remain intellectually flexible when studying all forms of medicine.

I understand that legislative laws will dictate the way in which I practice medicine in Hawaii and urge you to consider opposition to HB2312, HD1 to better serve the people of Hawaii.

Fearlessly living life through peace,
Landon Ka lau'ae nai'i i na la ino Oponui 2nd year naturopathic medical student

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From: Catherine Ostrem [ostremrc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 12:30 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB2112/HD 1/Related to Naturopathic Medicine.

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From: Joe Pacelli [jpacelli@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:58 PM
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AANP Member

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As a student of Naturopathic medicine I am currently completing my basic sciences training and can attest to the high standards and rigor of Naturopathic Medical Schools. This profession is one that should be recognized for the high level of clinical and scientific training it requires. To remove the modernization of Hawaii's Naturopathic law would be a step backwards for the state and would imply that the governing bodies do not see the future of medicine nor do they wish to allow the people options in the type of treatment they should receive.

Please consider your constituents and their rights to healthcare

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Pragati Patel

wakai2-Daniel

From: Marcia Patrick [mpatrick789@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 3:44 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HD2312, HD1

Mrs. Marcia Patrick, 46-045 Alii Anela Place #1623, Kaneohe HI 96744 February 15, 2010
To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

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Sincerely, Marcia Patrick

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From: Cassie Paguio [cpaguio0319@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 12:18 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Cassie Paguio
91-209 Makalauna Place
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February 15, 2010

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From: Linda Payes [lp@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:40 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: oppose HB2312, HD1

Linda Payes, 933 Makaiwa St., Hono., Hi., 96816

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Please Oppose HB 2312, HD 1.

Naturopathic medicine is a very valuable part of our healthcare system. I personally have benefitted by naturopathic medicine. The system works well now. Please dont change it, or restrict it..People should be free to benefit from this valuable healthcare discipline.

Thank you,

Linda Payes

wakai2-Daniel

From: Kristine Van Pernis [kristinevp@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:33 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Opposition to HB2312, HD1 Regarding Naturopathic Medicine

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Mrs. Heather L. Pescht
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February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:01 PM
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Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:18 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: honaunau8@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Christopher Quinn
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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

If you truly seek scientifically proven methods of healing for the well-being of our community, oppose this measure.

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

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Comments:
DRAFT TESTIMONY:

HB2312, HD1 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary.

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From: terri reed [tareed@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:36 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: PLEASE OPOSE BILL HB2312, HD1

Theresa Ann Reed
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Sincerely,
Theresa A. Reed
Concerned Citizen

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Sincerely,

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Honestly, there are other items of concern in our state right now that need serious consideration. For example, my father-in-law is in a wheelchair due to an amputation. He is perfectly capable of being mobile in either his wheelchair or electric wheelchair-scooter. However, due to the fact there are no sidewalks on our street, he is home-bound because the street is too narrow & decrepit for him to safely "roll" even across the street. We live 1 block from Kahala Mall, and the streets in this area are all decrepit!

Also, why aren't there stop signs at every intersection surrounding all of O'ahu elementary, intermediate, and high schools? The traffic in those areas is so congested at drop off & pick up times, and often, kids are running across crosswalks trying to cross the street without any JPO assistance (the State cut JPO funds).

Really, this current attempt at anti-naturopathic legislation is truly a colossal waste of State moneys and all of our time. Without naturopathic treatment, I would never have been able to have my children. I do have Kaiser healthcare insurance, paid out-of-pocket, not through an employer, and none of the Kaiser doctors thought my thyroid situation was serious enough for treatment, even after 2 miscarriages. It was. Naturopathic treatment and acupuncture through Dr. Laurie Steelsmith helped balance my hormones so I could get pregnant again, and not lose the baby. I now have a very healthy and happy 1 year old, and I can never thank her enough for treating me.

The current evidence you have that is anti-naturopathic is faulty and disparaging. I invite you yourselves to seek naturopathic and acupuncture treatment before you create legislation against it. I know without a doubt that you will become truly aware of how wonderful and lifesaving it is, and that the current attempt to deny access to naturopathic medicine is a smoke and mirrors attempt by the AMA to try to secure more patients for themselves. They should instead be looking at a way to incorporate the naturopaths into their retinue of doctors and services, while allowing the naturopaths to retain their own independence. The true nature of a naturopath or acupuncturist, or any qualified & certified practitioner of these health services is altruistic by nature, and they are not a group of medical providers who are trying to scam anyone. The AMA would gain more overall patients through incorporation of all medical providers, rather than shun them. This is the ea and time for transparency in government -- I wonder why the AMA is still practicing a policy of hide & seek?

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Aimee Rice

Barbara L. Ritchie
61-759 Papailoa Rd.
Haleiwa, HI 96712
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Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Corey N. Robertson
909 Lunahelu St.
Kailua, HI 96734
February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

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Sincerely,

wakai2-Daniel

From: swingkat@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:18 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB2312

February 16, 2010

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Roth
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Honolulu, HI 96816

wakai2-Daniel

From: cha3angie@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:59 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

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As a concerned citizen, I am writing to strongly urge your opposition to HB2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine.
This measure would have dire consequences for Hawaii's healthcare consumers. Please don't allow this to happen.

Sincerely,
Angela M Runyan-Berg
Cha Cha Cha Salsaria
377 Keahole St C-1A
Honolulu, HI 96825

wakai2-Daniel

From: Vicki Sakoda [sakodav@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:24 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: Rep. Scott Nishimoto
Subject: Oppose HB2312, HD1

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Vicki Sakoda

wakai2-Daniel

From: Heather Sandison [hmalia@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:38 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Heather Sandison
59-526 Aukauka Rd.
Halewia, HI 96712

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly believe the current legislation regarding Naturopathic care in Hawaii is misguided. My family, my friends and my neighbors and I have all greatly benefitted from quality Naturopathic care in Hawaii and were very disappointed to hear that this bill had moved past committee. I believe Naturopathic Medicine is the future of medicine. Please support quality health care of Hawaii's citizens by opposing HB2312.

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Sincerely,

Heather Sandison

wakai2-Daniel

From: Marietta Saravia-Shore [saraviashore@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:44 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Marietta Saravia-Shore, Ph.D.
131 East 93 St. NY, NY 10128

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As a concerned citizen and the sister of a Hawaii resident, Noyita Saravia, I am writing to request your strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine. By removing the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary, this measure would have dire consequences for Hawaii's healthcare consumers. Only the board of naturopathic medicine, not any other party, should have this authority.

My sister has been very pleased with the naturopathic medical care she has received in Hawaii, and I'm grateful that she can see a licensed naturopathic physician whose practice is governed by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division. This means that her naturopathic doctor's practice follows rigorous standards of care and ethics. I know from experience that my naturopathic doctor takes excellent care of me, prescribes procedures and medications that are safe, and is extremely well educated. Hawaii's naturopathic physicians receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training, and are highly qualified to safely prescribe medications.

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Marietta Saravia-Shore

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From: Noyita Saravia [noyitas@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:41 PM
To: CPCtestimony

Noyita Saravia
Video Artist
56-154 Puuluana Pl. #53
Kahuku,

February 15, 2010

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Sincerely,

wakai2-Daniel

From: Jacob Schmutz [Jacob.Schmutz@bastyr.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 4:53 PM
To: CPCtestimony

Jake Schmutz
14224 73rd avenue NE Bothell, WA 98011

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Sincerely,

Jacob Schmutz

wakai2-Daniel

From: Scontras, Lisa [lscontra@honolulu.gannett.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:25 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Naturopathic Medicine

From: Lisa Scontras
6226 Keokea Place
Honolulu, HI96825
February 15, 2010

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Sincerely,
Lisa Scontras

wakai2-Daniel

From: Natural Choices for Women [info@naturalchoicesforwomen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:24 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Amy Shearer

February 15, 2010

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Amy Shearer

wakai2-Daniel

From: Marie [msode@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:14 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB2312 relating to naturopathic medicine

Marie Sode
369 Kaimake Loop
Kailua, HI 96734

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Layne Soon
P.O. Box 2728
Honolulu, HI 96803

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Sincerely,
Holly Soria

Student Activities Coordinator
Kaimuki HS
2705 Kaimuki Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96816
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wakai2-Daniel

From: steelsmith@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 2:00 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please Oppose HB 2312, HD1

From: Alex Steelsmith
438 Hobron Lane, Ste. V-3
Honolulu, HI 96815

To: Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Committee Members

Re: Please Oppose HB 2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine (The hearing for this measure is scheduled for February 17th, 2010, at 2:05 pm, in Conference Rm. 325)

February 15th, 2010

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am a longtime local resident writing to ask that you please oppose HB 2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine. This measure would inappropriately remove the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary, and thereby have negative consequences for the public. No party except the board of naturopathic medicine should have the authority to establish a naturopathic formulary.

For many years I have received excellent naturopathic care while living in Hawaii. My naturopathic doctor's practice follows the highest standards of care and safety. Hawaii's Naturopathic doctors are extremely well trained to prescribe procedures and medications that are exceptionally safe and effective, and they receive extensive training in physiology and pharmacological issues.

Hawaii's naturopathic law was brought up to date last year, after many years of lagging far behind the naturopathic laws in states such as California, Washington, New Hampshire, Arizona, and Oregon. This was a huge step forward for Hawaii. Our law is now appropriate for the training and scope of practice of naturopathic physicians. However, HB 2312, HD1 would undo some of the important gains that were made last year. Please oppose HB 2312, HD1, as it would decrease the quality of health care in Hawaii by limiting the ability of our naturopathic physicians to practice as they are trained in a safe and effective manner.

Thank you,
Alex Steelsmith

wakai2-Daniel

From: steelsmith@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:44 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Dr. Laurie Steelsmith N.D.,L.Ac.
438 hobron lane, Suite v-6
Honolulu, HI 96815
February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am a licensed naturopathic physician and acupuncturist practicing in Hawaii since 1993. I am also a member of the Organization of Women's Leaders, the American Association of University Women, and the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians. I am an author and have written the Prescriptions Column in the Honolulu Advertiser for ten years. I have had a very successful and busy naturopathic medical practice for over 16 years, and I have helped thousands of patients improve their health with natural medicine. There has never been a complaint brought against me or my practice.

I am writing to request your strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine. This bill would remove the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary which would once again limit our scope of practice in Hawaii. It would also take away prescriptive rights that naturopathic physicians have had in other states such as Washington. I have had a license to practice naturopathic medicine in the state of Washington for 13 years which allows me to prescribe legend drugs and have a full scope of practice. Please oppose this bill so that our naturopathic board can create a naturopathic formulary that allows naturopathic physicians to practice in Hawaii as they are trained in naturopathic medical schools.

Hawaii's naturopathic physicians have received extensive education similar to that of traditional medical schools. We are taught the same basic sciences that are in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. We also receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training, and are highly qualified to safely prescribe medications.

In Hawaii, we are an invaluable part of our healthcare system providing thousands of patients with safe naturopathic medical care. Please allow naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to give quality care in a safe manner, according to last year's modernization of our naturopathic law.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Dr. Laurie Steelsmith

wakai2-Daniel

From: Patricia Storino [patricia@waikikicreamery.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:25 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Patricia Storino
February 15, 2010

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I have been very pleased with the naturopathic medical care I have received in Hawaii, and I'm grateful that I can see a licensed naturopathic physician whose practice is governed by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division. This means that my naturopathic doctor's practice follows rigorous standards of care and ethics. I know from experience that my naturopathic doctor takes excellent care of me, prescribes procedures and medications that are safe, and is extremely well educated. Hawaii's naturopathic physicians receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training, and are highly qualified to safely prescribe medications.

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As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, our naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their training would decrease the quality of healthcare available in this state. Please allow our naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to receive quality care in a safe manner, according to last year's modernization of our naturopathic law.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Patricia Storino

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From: Pcskyh@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 7:34 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine, Hearing Wed, 2/17

Paula C. Stierli, 94-1085 Mele St. Waipahu, HI 96797
February 15, 2010

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As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, our naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their training would decrease the quality of healthcare available in this state. Please allow our naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to receive quality care in a safe manner, according to last year's modernization of our naturopathic law.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Paula C. Stierli

wakai2-Daniel

From: Ally St. Claire [akstclaire33@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 4:41 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Opposing HB2312, HD1

February 15, 2010

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Alexandria St. Claire

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Kenmore Washington

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Joana Taba [joltaba@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:35 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

From: Joana L. Taba
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Waimanalo, HI 96795

Date: February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair,
Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair,
and other Distinguished Members
of the Committee

Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I have a constitutional right to the same quality of naturopathic care as citizens of other of our United States. As a concerned citizen, I am writing to request your strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine. By removing the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary, this measure would have dire consequences for Hawaii's healthcare consumers. Only the board of naturopathic medicine, not any other party, should have this authority.

I have not consulted a naturopathic physician to date. However the naturopathic physician I may choose to consult in the future should be free to practice according to the rigorous medical training such physicians receive in naturopathic medical schools. I'm grateful that when I choose to, I can see a licensed naturopathic physician whose practice is governed by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division. I believe Hawaii's naturopathic physicians receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training, and are highly qualified to safely prescribe medications.

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As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, our naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their training would decrease the quality of healthcare available in this state. Please allow our naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to receive quality care in a safe manner, according to last year's modernization of our naturopathic law.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Joana L. Taba

wakai2-Daniel

From: Christine Tabora [xtinetabora@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:57 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

Christine Tabora
59-352 Alapio Rd
Haleiwa Hi 96712

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

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I have been very pleased with the naturopathic medical care I have received in Hawaii, and I'm grateful that I can see a licensed naturopathic physician whose practice is governed by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division. This means that my naturopathic doctor's practice follows rigorous standards of care and ethics. I know from experience that my naturopathic doctor takes excellent care of me, prescribes procedures and medications that are safe, and is extremely well educated. Hawaii's naturopathic physicians receive standard medical school training in the sciences - the same basic sciences taught in conventional medical schools, including conventional methods of physical, clinical, and laboratory diagnosis. They receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training, and are highly qualified to safely prescribe medications.

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As a cancer survivor, I
Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Aloha, Christine Tabora

wakai2-Daniel

From: Claire teGroen [kalea@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:53 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

From:
Claire teGroen

1406 Honokahua St.

Honolulu HI 96825

wakai2-Daniel

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:08 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: eteska@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Erika Teska
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Submitted on: 2/15/2010

Comments:

B2312, HD1 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish a naturopathic formulary.

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2010, TIME: 2:05 pm PLACE: Conference Room 325

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your opposition to H.B. No. 2312, HD1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine.

I utilize naturopathic medical care here in the state of Hawaii and have been very pleased with the care I receive. I am comforted by the fact that I am able to see a licensed Naturopathic doctor who is governed by the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs division and therefore must practice following strict standards of care and ethics.

It is also my understanding that naturopathic physicians receive extensive physiology and pharmacological training at naturopathic medical schools which prepare them to safely prescribe medications.

Last year, the Hawaii State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. These modernizations are currently in place in Arizona, Oregon, New Hampshire, California, and Washington State. HB 2312, HD1 aims to remove some of these improvements.

With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

Please allow my naturopathic physician to practice as trained and allow me to receive quality care in a safe manner.

Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose HB 2312 HD1.

Caroline Thomas
PO Box 4356
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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I have been very pleased with the naturopathic medical care I have received in the past 5 years. I am very grateful that I can see a licensed naturopathic physician whose practice is governed by the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division. This means that my naturopathic doctor's practice follows rigorous standards of care and ethics. My naturopathic doctor, Dr. Steelsmith has helped me through my medical challenges with from pneumonia to menopause. She has treated me with care and respect, prescribing procedures and medications that are safe, and is extremely well educated. After visiting my medical doctor, who did not even diagnose me properly, I turned to my naturopathic physician who immediately followed up with specific testing and questions. I am healthier than ever and on track with preventative measures as well. I trust my naturopathic physician who spends more time with me to get to the root of the problem. I understand that my internist is vital as well, but it seems like the quality of care has turned poor with many practitioners here in Hawaii. You are rushed in and barely examined and rushed out the door, not feeling comfortable. The naturopathic physicians take the time, to thoroughly examine your concerns, thus early detection and referral to your internist/physician if needed. We should all have the choices, especially, concerning our health and well-being.

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,
Caroline Thomas

wakai2-Daniel

From: Sundeep Tiwade [Sundeep.Tiwade@bastyr.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 3:01 PM
To: CPCtestimony

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka [treiberk@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:59 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka
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February 15, 2010

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As a concerned citizen, I am writing to request your strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 relating to naturopathic medicine.

My personal experience with naturopathic care over the past 10 years has been very positive. It is an essential part of my health care in combination with traditional Western medicine. For example, I was hospitalized with a tremendous loss of blood from a fibroid tumor. The doctors got me back on my feet. However, afterwards I kept getting sick including a case of walking pneumonia. My job was in jeopardy. I was at my wits end. I looked for another avenue for health care and found naturopathic medicine. I learned how to boost my immune system and repair my traumatized body.

Since that time I have had many positive experiences under the care of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith. Please respect my right to have choice in health care.

Restricting naturopathic physicians from practicing according to their training would decrease the quality of healthcare available in this state. Please allow our naturopathic physicians to practice as trained, and allow me to receive quality care in a safe manner, according to last year's modernization of our naturopathic law.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Treiber-Kawaoka
Institute for Teacher Education,
College of Education
University of Hawaii at Manoa

wakai2-Daniel

From: Janine Tully [jtully001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 8:12 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB2312 HD1

Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

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At a time when alternative medicine is making inroads in Hawaii, it is only natural that naturopathic doctors be given more leeway to practice. The naturopathic doctor I visited, was willing to work with my general practitioner.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Janine Tully
45-035 Ka Hanahou Place
Kaneohe, HI 96744

wakai2-Daniel

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:58 PM
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Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Siu Wai Tsang
Organization: Individual
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Comments:

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Siu Wai Tsang [siuwai5@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:58 PM
To: Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Glenn Wakai; CPCtestimony
Subject: Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

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Mililani, Hawaii 96789

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Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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One medical profession should not dictate what another medical profession can or can not do. Isn't there a law that prevents this anyway?

The specific Board in each profession should be able to decide what the licensee can do and should be able to write rules and regulations pertaining to such. The Board of Naturopathy should have that authority.

Naturopathic Physicians should be able to practice what they learn in licensed schools, which is the standard in other licensed states.

My primary care physician is a Naturopath and it is a great inconvenience and extra expense to me if I have to go to a medical doctor to get a medicine that can be prescribed by a Naturopath.

The Hawaii Medical Society should be concerned only with their physicians and not with Naturopaths, Chiropractors, Nurses or anyone else who is not under their jurisdiction, supervision or authority.

Please OPPOSE HB2312.

Sincerely,
Theresa Turetzky

wakai2-Daniel

From: Sophie Twigg-Smith [sophmaloaf@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:27 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: CPCtestimony

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Sincerely,
Sophie Twigg-Smith

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From: mluchida@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:06 AM
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from Mary Louise Uchida
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Testifier will be present: No
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3008 Libert St.
Honolulu, HI. 96816

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 9:21 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Oppose HB 2312 HD1

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to the removal of the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary. Naturopathic physicians licensed in Hawaii are highly trained physicians who undergo an extensive medical education and are well qualified to prescribe the formulary and perform minor office procedures.

The medical community put up a number of road blocks for Nurse Practitioners in the 1990's. This bill seems to have similar intent to limit the practice of well qualified professionals. Please support the Hawaii people who choose naturopathic physicians for their health needs to be able to benefit from comprehensive health care that these physicians can provide.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please oppose HB 2312 HD1.

Sincerely,

Joy Wall, APRN
PO Box 6184
Ocean View, Hawaii



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From: Sunnie Wang [sunnie@maui.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:54 AM
To: CPCtestimony
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Sincerely yours,
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Have a Blessed Day,

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wakai2-Daniel

From: Charles Wassman [buckaroos@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:27 PM
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Janet Wassman (A person who has been helped greatly by a Naturopathic Doctor)
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Janet Wassman

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From: Joan Wehrman-Office [jwehrman@iolani.org]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:42 PM
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Subject: Please OPPOSE Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

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Thank you for giving this your consideration. Please oppose HB2312, HD1.

Sincerely,

Valerie Wayne

HB2312, HD1 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of Naturopathic Medicine to establish a Naturopathic Formulary.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2010 10:17 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Cc: amy.wells.nd@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dr Amy Wells
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: amy.wells.nd@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/13/2010

Comments:

DATE: Friday, February 5, 2010 TIME: 9:30am PLACE: Conference Room 329
HB 2312 RELATING TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE. Removes the authority of the board of naturopathic medicine to establish examination standards for minor office procedures and a naturopathic formulary.

Dear Rep. Yamane, Chair, Rep. Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

I am a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your opposition to H.B. No 2312 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools. Last year, the Hawaii State naturopathic law was modernized to better reflect their scope of practice. These modernizations are currently in place in Arizona, Oregon, New Hampshire, California, and Washington State. HB 2312 aims to remove these improvements. With the current state of the economy, many physicians are leaving our state. As general practitioners who are licensed in Hawaii as primary care physicians, naturopathic physicians are an invaluable part of our healthcare system. Other types of doctors are overwhelmed with the current demand, often making it difficult for patients to receive even basic medical care. Restricting naturopathic physicians from being able to practice according to their training will decrease the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state. Thank you for your consideration. Please Oppose HB 2312.

Anne Wheelock, R.Ph, M.S.
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Honolulu, HI 96817

February 15, 2010

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From: carver wilcox [drskin000@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 12:51 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: naturopathic formulary

i absolutely support the oversight of the formulary by physicians (MDs) . the training of naturopaths simply doesn't cover pharmacology of prescription medicines their uses and their potential problems. this is incredibly dangerous for the patients. and what about malpractice insurance for the nps. this will open up a pandora's box of problems for the state. we must protect the patients!!! dr carver g wilcox associate professor john a burns school of medicine.

wakai2-Daniel

From: Gaylord Wilcox [wilcoxg001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:08 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: Against HB2312, HD1

Dear Representative Herkes, Chair, Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,
As someone who has benefited from Naturopathic practitioners, please count me against the bill above.
Gaylord Wilcox PH 734-0340

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From: Emilie Wilson [Emilie.Wilson@bastyr.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 5:44 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB2312, HD1

Emilie Wilson
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Emilie C. Wilson

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Joanna Weber M.A., M.Ed., B.S.

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From: Joan Wehrman-Office [jwehrman@iolani.org]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 10:39 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: PPOSE HB2312, HD1

Joan Kellner Wehrman
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Rebecca Woodland

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Karen S.T. Yamamoto
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:22 AM
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Subject: Testimony for HB2312 on 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM

Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

Opposition of HB2312 would allow naturopathic physicians to continue to practice primary care medicine as they are trained to.

I was born and raised in Oahu, so it was very important to me to return here back to the islands with a professional degree that I felt was in need here in the islands. What I learned from being in school and away from the islands for 4 years was a very valuable training to help my family as well as friends here in the islands. I would like my practice to fully encompass all of the training I received while I was away. I actually do have some local friends in school who did not come back to the islands because of the limitations and lack of modernization within our law. HB2312 takes away from my training and practice privileges that I have obtained and practiced in Oregon while I was in school. Please oppose HB2312.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.
Dr. Monique Yuen

wakai2-Daniel

From: Micheal Yuu [yuu2you@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 12:15 PM
To: Rep. Robert Herkes; Rep. Glenn Wakai; CPCtestimony
Subject: Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

Robert N. Herkes
Glen Wakai
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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Honolulu, HI 96826

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 02:05 PM

Strong opposition to HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

So Bruh, I'm against this bill. I been going to natural therapies for my asthma and weight since I was a Keiki. I'm loyal and will fight with these physicians to keep their practice safe. I'm against this bill and everyone who is for it. I am anti bill HB2312,HD1

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From: kay zane [kazuzane@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 3:19 PM
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This past year I was diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer. I underwent chemotherapy. Although my oncologist provided medication to help with the side effects, it was my naturopath that provided the proper nutritional and supplemental therapies that alleviated the side effects as well as supported my body nutritionally, even post chemotherapy (there are a lot of permanent side effects once chemo is completed). Chemotherapy is harsh on the body and oncologists focus on the treatment but not on the nutritional support needed to endure the ravages of chemo. For this reason, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2312. Naturopathic care gives cancer patients support and hope. There are more and more patients like me who are diagnosed with cancer at an early age. Please do not take away treatment options available to us as this may be our only hope. My family has been a victim to cancer - my mother passed away with colon cancer at age 63, my aunty from pancreatic cancer at age 67, another aunty from colon cancer at age 70. They went through standard medical treatment but also suffered from the many side effects of medication and treatment. If they had the opportunity to secure naturopathic care they would perhaps suffered less. You may not be personally affected by cancer or know of anyone who has cancer, but please understand that this bill may take away any hope for patients who are diagnosed with terminal cancer. Imagine if your own mother, father or even child were diagnosed with cancer. Wouldn't you want as many options available for their treatment and care? So please, hear us. Naturopathic care is needed.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Kay Zane
Cancer survivor, age 45.

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From: kay zane [kazuzane@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 11:10 AM
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Kay Zane

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Sincerely,

Darlene Laster

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From: Shari Lee [sharilee118@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 5:39 PM
To: CPCtestimony

Shari Lee

February 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Representative Herkes, Chair, the Honorable Representative Wakai, Vice Chair, and other Distinguished Members of the Committee

Re: Please OPPOSE HB2312, HD1 Relating to Naturopathic Medicine; Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 2:05 p.m. in Conference Room 325

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Testimony for CPC 2/17/2010 2:05:00 PM HB2312

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

DRAFT TESTIMONY:

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February 17, 2010

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RE: **HB 2312**
Relating to Naturopathic Medicine

To: Chairman Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and other CPC Committee members:

I am a full time practicing naturopathic physician on Kauai for almost 20 years. Naturopathic physicians and their supporters worked diligently to override the Governor's veto of the Modernization Bill for Naturopathic physicians (referred to Act 22). I am in **opposition** of this bill.

Apparently, the Hawaii Medical Association did not counter our lawmakers last session about the amendments that were added to 455, HRS. Their testimony was painfully antiquated and the *only* dissenting opinion. Now, they want to *strip* our prescriptive privileges as well as the powers and authority of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. Adding a pharmacist or two to a formulary committee would be a reasonable amendment. The addition of a medical doctor would be questionable as there are no naturopaths on the Board of Medical Examiners.

We have a noted shortfall of able bodied health care providers in this State and we have an unprecedented safety record as well and not just in Hawaii but in the other states that license N.D.'s. *Consider this:* I have a patient present with an infection that requires antibiotics and in the years past I had to refer him to an MD for an appointment that they would have to wait and pay again for! Not at all practical, especially considering the USA is **37th** in health care delivery and the overuse of pharmaceuticals has lead to a catastrophic safety record: the **3rd** leading cause of death in the US is medical practices and procedures. Combine the above and add the *highest* medical costs of any to other country and our fate is sealed unless we change course without delay! Naturopaths are trained to deliver conservative care at lower costs, superlative safety and effective treatment outcomes. With over **4600** hours of clinical and academic training, our education is often more extensive than our allopathic colleagues.

We need to make an example and move forward with our health care in Hawaii and not go one step backward.

We can't afford to be bullied by these special interests.

Please **oppose SB 2489**.

Mahalo. Miles Greenberg, ND