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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 10, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, and Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 719, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CORRINE MAUL DE SOTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030.**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Dr. Corinne Maul De Soto to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board).

Dr. Maul De Soto is a licensed naturopathic physician and the owner, medical director, residency director, and practicing physician at The Koa Clinic of Integrative Healing in Kailua-Kona. In this role, she manages an integrative medical clinic that provides collaborative health care services, including naturopathic and Chinese medicine, and serves as an insurance-credentialed primary care provider.

In addition to her clinical practice, Dr. Maul De Soto is the founder and executive director of the Koa Community Health Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that develops and manages community health projects focused on women's health,

postpartum care, and teen sexual health. She also co-organizes and hosts the Hawaii Doc Talks Continuing Education Conference, a multi-day event for naturopathic physicians and other integrative health professionals, demonstrating her commitment to high-quality continuing education in her field.

Her broader leadership and governance experience includes service as Treasurer and Governing Board member of the Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians, board membership at Innovations Public Charter School with a focus on organizational, financial, and academic oversight, and ongoing leadership within the Koa Community Health Foundation. Academically, Dr. Maul De Soto holds a Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine and a Master of Science in Integrative Medicine Research from the National University of Natural Medicine, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Optical Science and Engineering from the University of California, Davis, along with publication in a peer-reviewed naturopathic journal.

The Department believes that Dr. Maul De Soto's clinical expertise, regulatory experience, research training, and demonstrated commitment to community health and professional education make her exceptionally well qualified to continue serving on the Board of Naturopathic Medicine. Her balanced perspective as a practitioner, clinic owner, nonprofit director, and current board member will help ensure that the Board's work supports both public safety and the continued development of high standards in naturopathic practice in Hawaii.

For these reasons, the Department supports confirmation of Dr. Corinne Maul De Soto to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

March 27, 2026

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Rachel M. Klein, ND, DC, DACNB-FIBFN-CNDH

Re: GM719- Board of Naturopathic Medicine, Gubernatorial Nominee, Corrine Maul De Soto

Position: **SUPPORT**

I am writing to offer my strong and enthusiastic support for the reappointment of Corinne M. De Soto, ND, MS, to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine for the State of Hawai'i.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Dr. De Soto during my tenure as President of the Hawai'i Society of Naturopathic Physicians, while she served as Treasurer. In that role, she demonstrated exceptional integrity, diligence, and organizational skill. She approached financial stewardship with a high level of transparency and accountability, ensuring that the organization remained fiscally sound and well-positioned to serve its members and the broader community.

Beyond her technical competence, Dr. De Soto consistently brought thoughtfulness and balance to leadership discussions. She is a careful listener who considers multiple perspectives before contributing insight that is both practical and grounded in the principles of naturopathic medicine. Her ability to collaborate effectively while maintaining a clear commitment to ethical standards makes her an invaluable asset in any governance role.

Dr. De Soto also has a deep understanding of the responsibilities inherent in regulatory service. She recognizes the importance of protecting public safety while supporting the growth and integrity of the naturopathic profession in Hawai'i. Her prior experience on the Board, combined with her leadership within the professional community, positions her uniquely to continue contributing meaningfully in a second term.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Dr. Corinne M. De Soto for reappointment. I am confident she will continue to serve with the same dedication, professionalism, and care that I have witnessed firsthand.

Mahalo for your time,

Dr. Rachel M. Klein

GM-719

Submitted on: 4/10/2026 1:11:09 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/16/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Lawrance Traub	Testifying for Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 10th, at 9:30 am
State Capitol, CR 229 or “Videoconference”

RE: Gubernatorial Appointment of Dr. Corinne De Soto, ND to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine

Governor’s Message No. GM 719

POSITION: IN SUPPORT

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am Michael Traub ND, and I am testifying in strong support of the reappointment of Dr. Corinne De Soto, ND to the Hawai‘i Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

Dr. De Soto is a highly ethical and thoughtful physician whose prior Board service reflects a strong commitment to professional standards and the protection of public health. Her experience and balanced approach make her well-qualified to continue serving in this role.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of her confirmation.

Sincerely,
Michael Traub ND
President, Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians

GM-719

Submitted on: 4/9/2026 9:48:52 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/16/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Britta Zimmer	Testifying for Hawaii Society of Naturopathic Physicians Vice President	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Chair and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Re: Governor’s Message No. GM 719 – Nomination of Dr. Corinne Maul De Soto
IN SUPPORT**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Dr. Corinne Maul De Soto, ND, for reappointment to the Hawai‘i Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

I have known Dr. De Soto for eight years in my capacity as a medical colleague and have consistently found her to be an ethical, effective, and highly dedicated physician. She demonstrates a strong commitment to patient care, professional integrity, and the advancement of naturopathic medicine in Hawai‘i.

Dr. De Soto has been instrumental in our community, leading the charge in educating physicians and fostering greater collaboration and understanding across medical disciplines. Her efforts have had a meaningful and lasting impact on both providers and patients throughout Hawai‘i.

Her integrity is unwavering, and she approaches both clinical care and board service with a strong sense of responsibility, fairness, and professionalism. Dr. De Soto’s prior service on the Board reflects her dedication to upholding regulatory standards while maintaining a balanced and thoughtful approach to decision-making.

I am confident that her continued service will benefit both the profession and the public. I respectfully urge your support for her reappointment.

Sincerely,

Britta Zimmer, ND

