

Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic

**Before the
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Friday, January 30, 2026
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 224 and Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B.2050, RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC**

Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

My name is Young-Im Wilson, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic (Board). The Department appreciates the intent of this bill and offers the following comments.

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

While the Board appreciates the intent of this bill, it respectfully requests that language be added to authorize the Board to promulgate rules to clarify the following:

1. That the student must be enrolled in a Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)–accredited school;
2. That the supervising licensed chiropractor must have been in active practice for at least five (5) years; and
3. The definition and scope of “clinical practice.”

Should this bill advance, the Board respectfully requests the following amendment:

Page 2, lines 16–20:

“(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a student enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college from engaging in clinical practice under the direct supervision of a qualified licensed chiropractor as part of the student's educational program. The Board shall adopt rules defining the qualifications for the chiropractic college, the requirements for the direct supervisor, and defining clinical practice.”

The Board notes that sufficient time will be needed to promulgate these rules prior to implementation of an effective date of July 1, 2028.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 10:59:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dean Shivvers	Testifying for Hawaii State Chiropractic Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Dean Shivvers D.C. and I am the President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association, representing licensed chiropractors practicing throughout the State of Hawaii. On behalf of our membership, I write in strong support of SB2050.

SB2050 establishes a thoughtful, responsible framework allowing chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their formal education, provided they are directly supervised by a qualified licensed chiropractor.

This measure aligns chiropractic education in Hawaii with long-standing training models used across healthcare disciplines, including medicine, nursing, dentistry, and physical therapy. Supervised clinical experience is essential to developing competent, safe, and ethical healthcare providers, and this bill strengthens—rather than weakens—public protection by formalizing supervision and accountability.

Equally important, SB2050 supports healthcare workforce development in Hawaii. Our state faces ongoing challenges in recruiting and retaining healthcare providers. Allowing supervised clinical training within Hawaii encourages students to build professional roots here, improving long-term access to conservative, non-pharmacological musculoskeletal care for our communities.

SB2050 appropriately places regulatory authority with the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic and requires the adoption of rules to ensure clear supervision standards, patient safety, and professional accountability.

For these reasons, the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association respectfully urges the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for your continued commitment to the health and well-being of the people of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kara Pablo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Jacqueline kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Dristin Myers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Lea Sosa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Tajah Santayana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Ward Overton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Raya Keliinui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Jazmin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Nanea I	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Allison King	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Haylee Colla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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ROCHELLE	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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malourie cabigon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Angeline Brutus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Gabriela Mori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Jennae Leleo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Austin Koziol	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 11:08:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frederick Kennedy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of **SB 2050**, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, **effective July 1, 2028**.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training before full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

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Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 11:34:49 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.
Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 11:38:14 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Perrino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 11:41:38 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawai‘i in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawai‘i, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawai‘i Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo

William Battles D.C.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 12:25:48 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 1:06:08 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 1:24:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keeyan Parker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

I am a currently licensed Chiropractor in the State of Hawai‘i. I am also a Native Hawaiian who was born and raised here. I reached out to the Hawai‘i Chiropractic Board to see if this could be possible while I was in school during 2019-2022, but this bill wasn't passed yet. I was always taught to get educated, and then give back to the community. I hoped I could get my clinical education back home in Hawai‘i and start to give back to my community as sooner. However, that wasn't the case for me. I did my clinical education in the mainland. I've learned from my experience that treating patients overseas versus here in Hawai‘i is different. In Hawai‘i there is a certain culture and "Aloha Spirit" only found here that is different than the rest of the United States. This bill would allow future Hawai‘i-born Chiropractors to learn how to better care for patients here while training in this culture and be able to give back to the Hawai‘i community sooner. We want our keiki to go out and get educated, get ahead and be leaders, then give back to our community.

This bill will bring chiropractic education in Hawai‘i in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawai‘i, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawai‘i Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 1:41:00 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 1:45:55 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jo Eddins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which would allow chiropractic students enrolled in an approved chiropractic college to participate in clinical practice as part of their education, under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill aligns chiropractic education in Hawai‘i with other healthcare professions such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already permit supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is a critical component of developing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 enhances patient safety by ensuring that any student clinical experience occurs within a structured educational setting and under direct professional supervision. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train in Hawai‘i and remain here after graduation, helping address provider shortages and improve access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Additionally, the bill appropriately authorizes the Hawai‘i Board of Chiropractic to establish rules governing this process, ensuring oversight, accountability, and protection of the public.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 2:03:01 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
REED S SHIRAKI	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 2:55:20 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas LaTona	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 3:58:03 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

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SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 5:26:25 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin Eddins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

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Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/28/2026 9:52:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee, I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028. This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 7:08:54 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

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Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 7:41:18 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 7:45:48 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 7:57:13 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

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Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050.

I have been a chiropractic patient for over 30 years and remain an active patient today. My children also received chiropractic care beginning in infancy. One of my children was safely seen by a chiropractor just two days after birth. These personal experiences have given me long-standing confidence in chiropractic care and its role in supporting patient health.

I also previously worked as a Chiropractic Assistant for over seven years. While my state did not allow chiropractic students to engage in clinical practice, my professional experience reinforces the importance of clear standards, proper training pathways, and strong oversight within the profession.

SB2050 allows chiropractic students enrolled in accredited programs to participate in supervised clinical practice and aligns chiropractic education with other healthcare professions. The bill prioritizes patient safety while giving the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic the authority to adopt rules that ensure oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support of SB2050.

Mahalo,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

Current Chiropractic Patient

Former Chiropractic Assistant (7+ years)

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 8:51:46 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ralph Sawyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

SB2050 strengthens patient safety by ensuring students gain real-world experience only under direct supervision and within a structured educational framework. It also supports workforce development by encouraging students to train and remain in Hawaii, helping address provider shortages and improving access to conservative, non-pharmacological care.

Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 10:03:24 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

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Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 10:20:08 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
piper lamontagne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practices as part of their education underlying the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor beginning July 1, 2028.

Best bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervise clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident and safe healthcare providers.

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For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 11:38:27 AM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB2050, which allows chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their education under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor, beginning July 1, 2028.

This bill brings chiropractic education in Hawaii in line with other healthcare professions, such as medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and dentistry, all of which already allow supervised clinical training prior to full licensure. Hands-on, supervised experience is essential to producing competent, confident, and safe healthcare providers.

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Importantly, this bill empowers the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules, ensuring appropriate oversight, accountability, and public protection.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SB2050.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SB-2050

Submitted on: 1/29/2026 12:45:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 1/30/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Chung	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

In strong support of SB2050.

This bill would allow chiropractic students in school to be able to work in clinical practice under supervision of licensed chiropractors as part of their education or for school credit.

A preceptorship is a structured period of training and support for new professionals to transition from students to autonomous professionals. In a preceptorship, a more experienced licensed chiropractor would guide the student to develop their clinical skills and competence. By allowing chiropractic students the ability to treat real patients under supervision (like they do for nursing and dentists) would help to increase availability and access to more chiropractors to the public.

We don't have that many chiropractors currently in Hawaii - total around 85. This would increase the trained pipeline for Hawaii's chiropractic workforce and grow the industry in Hawaii.