
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 442, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "~~§442-~~ Chiropractic students; clinical training;
5 supervision. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the
6 contrary, a chiropractic student may engage in clinical training
7 involving the practice of chiropractic if:

8 (1) The student is actively enrolled in a doctor of
9 chiropractic program that is accredited by the Council
10 on Chiropractic Education, or its successor
11 organization, and approved by the board;

12 (2) The clinical training conducted occurs pursuant to a
13 formal affiliation agreement between the accredited
14 doctor of chiropractic program and the supervising
15 chiropractor or clinical training site;



1 (3) The student is directly supervised by the supervising
2 chiropractor; provided that the supervising
3 chiropractor shall:

4 (A) Be licensed to practice chiropractic in the
5 State;

6 (B) Be physically present at the location where
7 services are provided; and

8 (C) Retain full professional and legal responsibility
9 for the care provided to the patient; and

10 (4) The student has completed all didactic coursework and
11 is actively participating in the clinical phase of an
12 accredited doctor of chiropractic program, having met
13 all institutional requirements to engage in patient
14 care as a clinical student.

15 (b) Before providing services to a patient, a chiropractic
16 student providing services pursuant to this section shall inform
17 the patient that the care will be provided by the student and
18 obtain written consent from the patient acknowledging that the
19 patient has agreed to receive services from the chiropractic
20 student.

1 (c) The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to
2 implement this section, including:

- 3 (1) Qualifications for supervising chiropractors;
4 (2) The permissible scope of clinical services that may be
5 provided by a chiropractic student;
6 (3) Supervision requirements; and
7 (4) Documentation and reporting requirements.

8 (d) For the purposes of this section, "chiropractic
9 student" means an individual actively enrolled in an accredited
10 doctor of chiropractic program who is participating in clinical
11 training required for completion of the degree."

12 SECTION 2. The Hawaii board of chiropractic shall submit a
13 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
14 convening of the regular session of 2027. The report shall
15 include:

- 16 (1) Implementation of this Act;
17 (2) Patient safety;
18 (3) Student participation; and
19 (4) Any other recommendations.

20 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026;
2 provided that section 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2028.



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Report Title:

Hawaii Board of Chiropractic; Licensure; Chiropractic Students;
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Description:

Beginning 7/1/2028, allows chiropractic students enrolled in an accredited doctor of chiropractic program to engage in clinical training involving the practice of chiropractic as part of the completion of their degree, under certain conditions. Requires a report to the Legislature. (CD1)

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