

Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Thursday, April 9, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 329 and Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 2050, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO CHIROPRACTIC**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nancy Nguyen, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic (Board). The Board appreciates the intent of this bill and offers the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to: (1) beginning July 1, 2028, allow chiropractic students enrolled in a qualified chiropractic college to engage in clinical practice as part of their educational training when directly supervised by a qualified, licensed chiropractor; and (2) require the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic to adopt rules.

The Board appreciates the amendments to this bill and respectfully requests that the effective date be delayed until July 2030 to allow sufficient time to develop and implement rules governing the clinical practice of students under direct supervision.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:23:42 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dean Shivvers	HAWAII STATE CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION	Support	In Person

Comments:

Dear Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Dean Shivvers, and I serve as President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association. I am writing in strong support of SB2050, with two important amendments to strengthen the bill and ensure patient safety while advancing chiropractic education in Hawai'i.

First, we respectfully request the addition of clarifying language to ensure that only qualified chiropractic interns participate in the preceptorship program. Specifically:

“A chiropractic intern participating in the preceptorship program shall have completed all didactic coursework and be actively participating in the clinical phase of an accredited chiropractic doctoral program, having met all institutional requirements to engage in patient care as a clinical intern.”

This amendment ensures that only students who are fully prepared and already engaged in hands-on clinical training are eligible, aligning with existing chiropractic educational standards and maintaining the highest level of patient safety.

Second, we request that the effective date be amended to July 1, 2026. As noted in the hearing notice, the current bill delays implementation until 2028 . Given the ongoing need to expand access to conservative, non-invasive care and strengthen our healthcare workforce, there is no reason to delay implementation. Advancing the timeline will allow Hawai'i to benefit sooner from a structured and well-supervised preceptorship program.

SB2050 represents an important step forward in supporting the next generation of chiropractors while improving access to care across our state. With these amendments, the bill will be both safe and impactful.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

Respectfully,
Dr. Dean Shivvers
President
Hawaii State Chiropractic Association

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Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:18:59 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050. For patient safety, please ensure interns are in their final clinical phase and update the effective date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:21:03 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colin Marsh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 is important for workforce development.

Please amend it to require interns be fully qualified for clinical training and update the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:23:35 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB2050 with amendments ensuring interns are qualified for patient care and that the bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:25:48 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Camille Manning	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 will help expand access to care. Please ensure interns are in the final stage of training and update the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:28:15 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kara Pablo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 will strengthen the profession. Please include amendments requiring clinical-phase interns and adjust the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:32:11 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass SB2050 with amendments clarifying intern qualifications (completed coursework + clinical phase) and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:34:15 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass SB2050 with language requiring interns to have completed all coursework and be in clinical training, and update the date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:36:43 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass SB2050 with amendments clarifying intern qualifications (completed coursework + clinical phase) and change the effective date to 7/1/2026

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:38:24 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raya Keliinui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass SB2050 with added clarity that interns must be in their final clinical training phase and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:39:20 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Evelyn Perez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 with the addition that interns must have completed all didactic work and be in clinical training, and that the bill take effect July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:40:08 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 is a positive step. Please ensure interns are fully trained for clinical care and update the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:44:28 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grasiela Rayo Ocampo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 will strengthen the profession. Please include amendments requiring clinical-phase interns and adjust the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:45:43 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support SB2050. Please clarify intern eligibility (final clinical phase) and update the effective date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:47:20 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 will help expand access to care.

Please ensure interns are in the final stage of training and update the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:47:39 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tajah Santayana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 with amendments requiring interns to have completed all coursework and be actively treating patients in clinical training, and moving the date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:48:09 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emi Kadenaj	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 is a great step forward. Please add language requiring interns to meet all clinical readiness requirements and adjust the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:50:27 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 is important for training future chiropractors. Please require interns to be in clinical training and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:53:07 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea I	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 is important for training future chiropractors. Please require interns to be in clinical training and change the effective date to 07/01/2026

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:53:22 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 is important for training future chiropractors. Please require interns to be in clinical training and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:54:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jadyn Lung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 with amendments requiring interns to have completed all coursework and be actively treating patients in clinical training, and moving the date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:54:26 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jared Quitoles	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 with amendments requiring interns to have completed all coursework and be actively treating patients in clinical training, and moving the date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:57:42 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cody McKillip	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 has my support. I ask that it include language ensuring interns are fully prepared for clinical care and begin implementation July 1st, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:57:57 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 is important for training future chiropractors. Please require interns to be in clinical training and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 4:58:34 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 is important for training future chiropractors. Please require interns to be in clinical training and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:11:16 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support SB2050 with amendments clarifying that interns must be in the clinical phase of training and updating the effective date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:16:10 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB2050 with two key amendments: clarify that interns must have completed all coursework and be in clinical training, and move implementation to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:16:22 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Si Le	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB2050 and include amendments ensuring interns are qualified for patient care and that implementation begins 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:16:27 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jenna Leleo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 with amendments requiring chiropractic interns to have completed all coursework and be in the clinical phase, and updating the effective date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:23:35 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andy Radke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 is important for training future chiropractors. Please require interns to be in clinical training and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:23:47 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriela Mori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB2050 is important for access to care. Please ensure interns are in their final stage of clinical training and adjust the effective date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:24:43 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. And I support moving the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:29:04 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support SB2050 with clear requirements that interns be in the clinical phase and update implementation to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:39:26 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support SB2050 and request amendments to ensure interns are fully trained for clinical care and to change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:47:19 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 should move forward with amendments clarifying intern readiness and updating the effective date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:58:39 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jocelyn Kapahua	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 and recommend amendments requiring interns to meet all clinical readiness requirements and moving the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 6:05:17 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paulene Quitazol	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 and recommend amendments requiring interns to meet all clinical readiness requirements and moving the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 6:35:09 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB2050 is important for training future chiropractors. Please require interns to be in clinical training and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 7:28:03 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob D Russell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2050 with amendments requiring interns to be in the clinical phase after completing coursework, and changing the effective date to July 1, 2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 7:43:20 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aileen Delgado Ojeda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass SB2050 with amendments clarifying intern qualifications (completed coursework + clinical phase) and change the effective date to 7/1/2026.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 11:27:07 PM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan Hedgecock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB2050. Please include amendments requiring interns to have completed all didactic coursework and be in the clinical phase of training, and update the effective date to 7/1/2026 to ensure timely implementation.

SB-2050-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/8/2026 9:32:08 AM

Testimony for CPC on 4/9/2026 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
chemilene domingo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB2050 and include language ensuring only final-phase chiropractic interns participate, along with updating the effective date to 7/1/2026.