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**Subject:** S.B.No.420,S.D.1

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RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige and other members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and consumer Protection,

I am a resident of Hawaii and a conserved citizen writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, as it relates to Naturopathic Medicine. I am a patient of Dr Steelsmith and my medical problems have been either nearly or completely remedied after seeing her. Prior to becoming her patient my problems weren't able to be remedied by other doctors.

Naturopathic physicians have minimal coverage in Hawaii and therefore my family and I are unable to receive Dr. Steelsmith's or other naturoopathic doctor's services as much as is needed. Due to this minimal coverage, some friends of mine aren't able to get treated by a naturopathic doctor at all.

Thank you for considering the passage of this Bill.

Sincerely,

Kimberly McKillop

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**From:** Robin Scanlon [eyeoftheislands@gmail.com] on behalf of Robin Scanlon [scanlon@eyeoftheislands.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 10:42 PM  
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March 2, 2009

RE: Support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1, Relating to Naturopathic Medicine in Hawaii (Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator David Y. Ige, and other Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am a Hawaii resident and a concerned citizen, writing to strongly urge your support of Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.1 as it relates to naturopathic medicine. As a patient of Dr. Laurie Steelsmith, my family and I have seen her for naturopathic medical care, and as a result we have significantly improved our health.

Naturopathic physicians have extensive medical training at naturopathic medical schools, yet in Hawaii they have minimal insurance coverage and are unable to practice their full scope of medical skills. It is time to modernize the Hawaii State naturopathic law, which has not been revised in 20 years. Measure S.B. No. 420, S.D.

I will give Dr. Steelsmith and other naturopathic doctors in Hawaii a greater scope of practice that will enable them to more effectively serve all the people of our state.

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. Allowing naturopathic physicians to practice according to their training will greatly increase the quality of healthcare available to the citizens of this state.

Furthermore, given that naturopathic physicians are most highly trained in preventive medicine, they are uniquely qualified to promote a healthier Hawai'i while decreasing the long-term financial burden of healthcare costs. If you would like information regarding the extensive training of naturopathic physicians, please cut and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.naturopathic.org/viewbulletin.php?id=29>

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing of the passing of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

Robin Scanlon