



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

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Immediate Health Freedom Action Needed in Hawaii and West Virginia

OPPOSE Hawaii: Hawaii House Bill 2570 and Senate Bill 2832 are monopolistic dietitian bills that would make it illegal to “practice dietetics”, which is already defined so broadly in Hawaii to include using nutrition to achieve and maintain health. H.B. 2570 passed the House Health Committee and was referred to the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. S.B. 2832 was introduced and assigned to three Senate Committees, the first being the Senate Health Committee. Hawaii session will be complete in early May, so these bills may move fast! **Read more.**

What you can do:

First, contact your personal House Representative and all the members of the House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee to let them know you Oppose H.B. 2570. Then, contact your Senator and all members of the Senate Health Committee to tell them to Vote no on S.B. 2832. Contact legislators by phone, email, or personal letter. All names and contact information are listed at the end of this email. Also, keep in touch to **come to any future hearings.**

What the Bill Does:

H.B. 2570 and S.B. 2832 would make criminal the practice of anything within the already broad definition of “dietetics”, which includes using nutrition principles to maintain human health! Although Hawaii already has protection for the title “dietitian”, **H.B. 2570 and S.B. 2832 would unconstitutionally limit our freedom of speech and our freedom of choice in practitioners of natural health.** Introduced to consolidate Hawaii laws and to move the licensing of registered dietitians as healthcare professionals from the Department of Health to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, **the bills limit herbalists, naturopaths, nutritional consultants, and even people like housewives who need to talk about food and herbs all the time.** There is no reason for adding the illegality of “practice” of dietetics to this consolidation bill. To read H.B. 2570, **click HERE.**

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=2570
for SB2832: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=SB&billnumber=2832

Contacting Legislators:

1. Distribute Call to Action Letter. Please sign the one-page action letter (**available for download by clicking HERE**), or your own letter, and send by e-mail, fax, or regular mail to your personal Senate and House Representatives. Also, please forward this email to your friends and family to have them take action too. Telephone calls, emails or letters are extremely important at this time!

2. Contact Hawaii House and Senate Committee Members. Call the phone numbers listed below to leave a message with each member of both the **House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee** and the **Senate Health Committee**. E-mail, fax or mail the attached action letter, or your own letter, to the committee members. Call from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to adjournment on Saturdays.

The message: “I oppose H.B. 2570 / S.B. 2832 as written – it unconstitutionally limits our freedom of speech on nutrition information and decreases and jeopardizes consumer options in natural health care.”

3. When Contacting Personal and other Individual Senate and House Representatives:

If you write or e-mail, begin your communication with Dear Representative _____: Include the bill number, for example: RE: Please Oppose H.B. 2570 / S.B. 2832.

Please take the time to write a personal note on your letter as this will have a greater impact with the legislators. Tell them about your rights as a consumer in Hawaii to a free and educated choice in health care providers. Also tell them that you depend on alternative and complementary care for you and your family.

Build a relationship with your personal Senate and House Representatives. Make an appointment, call them, write them and email them, and start building a strong relationship with them.

To determine who your personal Senate and House Representatives are, please go to <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>, and enter your street name in the box labeled “Find Your Legislator”, located in the upper right-hand corner, and click “GO”.

When **Hearings** are scheduled, **please plan to attend.**

THANK YOU for your commitment to Health Freedom! If you have questions, contact us at info@nationalhealthfreedom.org.

Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

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Congratulations to Virginia and Colorado Health Freedom Advocates!!!

Congratulations Virginia

Virginia Health Freedom Advocates defeated a restrictive Dietitian Licensing bill, H.B. 345, in Virginia on February 2, 2012. The bill was heard in the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and was tabled until 2013! National Health Freedom Action assisted Virginians for Health Freedom in these efforts, preparing point-documents detailing the reasons for opposing the bill and helping prepare opposition testimony for those who were able to testify. Thank you for your calls, e-mails, and faxes to your legislators to oppose H.B. 345. Great job Virginia!

Congratulations Colorado

Colorado Health Freedom Advocates defeated a monopolistic Dietitian Licensing bill, H.B. 1060, in Colorado on February 6, 2012! The bill was heard in the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee and was tabled indefinitely! National Health Freedom Action flew attorney Anne Tenner out to testify against the bill on behalf of NHFA and the thousands of consumers and practitioners of natural health in Colorado. Many Colorado citizens and concerned organizations were in attendance, several of whom provided opposition testimony as well. Additional Health Freedom groups in attendance included Weston Price Foundation, Vitamin Cottage, Colorado Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation, Colorado Natural Health Coalition and more. Thank you for your calls, e-mails, and faxes to your legislators to oppose H.B. 1060. Great job Colorado!



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