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# SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE HAWAII ATHLETIC TRAINERS'  
ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS'  
ASSOCIATION.

1           WHEREAS, the National Athletic Trainers' Association and  
2 the Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association strive to keep up with  
3 the latest treatment techniques, research and technological  
4 advancements in athletic fitness, education, and training; and  
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6           WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's  
7 Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2002-2003 Edition, the demand for  
8 health care services will create tremendous job opportunities  
9 over the next eight years with nine of the top twenty job growth  
10 categories in health care services; and  
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12           WHEREAS, athletic trainers are represented in two of the  
13 three major job growth categories: health care services and  
14 education; and  
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16           WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers have a long history of  
17 providing quality health care for athletes and those engaged in  
18 physical activity based upon specific tasks, knowledge, and  
19 skills acquired through their nationally regulated educational  
20 processes; and  
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22           WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers provide for:

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- 24           (1) Prevention of injuries;
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  - 26           (2) Recognition, evaluation, and aggressive treatment of  
27           injuries;
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  - 29           (3) Rehabilitation from injuries;
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  - 31           (4) Health care administration; and
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  - 33           (5) Education and guidance;



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4 WHEREAS, the National Athletic Trainers' Association  
5 represents and supports 30,000 members of the athletic training  
6 profession employed in professional sports, colleges and  
7 universities, high schools, clinics and hospitals, and corporate  
8 and industrial settings; and


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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Athletic Trainer's Association's  
11 mission is to advance, encourage, and improve the athletic  
12 training profession in all its phases, and to meet the specific  
13 needs of National Athletic Trainers' Association members in  
14 Hawaii; and

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16 WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic  
17 training and health care have joined together in common desire  
18 to raise public awareness of the importance of the athletic  
19 training profession and to emphasize the importance of quality  
20 health care within professional sports, colleges and  
21 universities, high schools, clinics and hospitals, and corporate  
22 and industrial settings; and

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24 WHEREAS, such efforts will improve health care for athletes  
25 and those engaged in physical activity and promote certified  
26 athletic trainers as allied health professionals; now,  
27 therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
31 that the Legislature expresses its support for the Hawaii  
32 Athletic Trainers' Association and the National Athletic  
33 Trainers' Association; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Athletic Trainers'  
37 Association and the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

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40 OFFERED BY: 

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