

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Tuesday, March 11, 2008  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2169, H.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH.**

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Board of Medical Examiners ("BME") thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 2169, H.D. 1, Relating to Health. The BME is in support of this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to change the name of the "Board of Medical Examiners" to the "Hawaii Medical Board". Out of seventy state boards of medicine or osteopathic medicine, only a minority of the states (nineteen, including Hawaii) use "Board of Medical Examiners". Twenty-seven boards are identified as the "[State] Medical Board" while the remaining twenty-four use a variety of names, including board of medicine, medical licensing board, board of licensing, board of medical practice, etc. The BME feels that to change its name would be beneficial in terms of consistency with the name most used by other state boards.

Further, the BME's office has frequently received inquiries for the Medical Examiner at the Coroner's Office, resulting from confusion between similar names by

both offices. A change in name would help the public get in touch more easily with the appropriate office.

In light of the foregoing, the BME is in support of this bill and thanks you for the opportunity to provide comments.