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PLEASE DELIVER TO:

Health Committee

Wednesday
3/19/08
8:30am
Room 329

Re: SB3077, SD2 Relating to Volunteer Medical Assistance Services
(Provides immunity from liability and workers' compensation for licensed medical personnel providing volunteer medical services on behalf of the State or a county. Effective 7/1/2050)

The Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports SB3077, SD2.

Immunity from liability and workers' compensation for licensed medical personnel providing volunteer medical services on behalf of the State of a county is necessary.

We live in a highly litigious society and physicians are understandably concerned about liability exposure when providing care as volunteers.

SB3077, SD1 will alleviate those concerns and increase the capacity of Hawaii's State and County governments to serve its residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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