



## Hawai'i Primary Care Association

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To: **The Senate Committee on Health**  
The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Hon. Josh Green, MD, Vice Chair

**The Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection**  
The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Hon. David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1142**  
**Relating to Physician Assistants**  
**Submitted by Beth Giesting, CEO**  
**February 10, 2009, 8:30 a.m. agenda, Room 229**

The Hawaii Primary Care Association urges your support of this bill which would expand the scope of practice of physician assistants and make them much more useful as providers in primary care and other settings.

We find that physician assistants are excellent clinicians who earn very high marks for clinical quality and patient satisfaction. In addition, with shortages in physicians and financial resources, Hawaii would be well-served to expand the scope of practice for all licensed health professionals to include all services such professionals are qualified to provide.

Thank you for the opportunity to add our support to this measure.

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, Vice-chair

**Health Committee**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Senator David Y. Ige

**Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee**

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Support of SB 1142: Relating to Physician Assistants

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Jeffrey M. Robin \_\_\_\_\_ support SB 1142.

Passage of this bill will allow patients better access to health care in medically underserved areas, thereby allowing physicians and physician assistants to better serve their patients.

We ask your support in passing SB 1142.  
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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