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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Sunrise Analysis: Athletic Trainers*.

Senate Bill No. 2601, Senate Draft 1, which proposes to regulate athletic trainers, does not meet the sunrise criteria requiring evidence of harm or potential risk to Hawaii consumers to warrant the licensing of athletic trainers. The bill will not ensure appropriate treatment and rehabilitation nor minimum competency and appears intended to enable third-party insurance reimbursements and professional enhancement. In addition, the regulatory program is confusing and would not remedy malpractice or ethical violations. And, other protections are already in place. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs agreed with the findings.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and release it to the public and press, on Monday, October 25, 2010.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Marion M. Higa in cursive.

Marion M. Higa
State Auditor

Enclosure

c/ Carol Taniguchi, Senate Clerk