



GOV. MSG. NO. **566**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

May 14, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 14, 2010, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2601 SD1 HD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT
RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.
ACT 108 (10)

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 14 2010

THE SENATE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010

STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 108

S.B. NO.

2601

S.D. 1

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C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that athletic trainers
2 routinely work with children as young as twelve but are one of
3 the few types of health professionals not regulated in Hawaii.
4 Regulation of athletic trainers would ensure that Hawaii's
5 athletes receive specialized emergency care and appropriate
6 treatment and rehabilitation and meet appropriate criteria
7 before being returned to play and provide a mechanism to report
8 and remedy malpractice and ethical violations, thereby reducing
9 an existing threat of harm to the public.

10 As Hawaii is one of the few states that does not regulate
11 athletic trainers, there is no entity to which the National
12 Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., can
13 report disciplinary actions to ensure that appropriate action is
14 taken to protect the public.

15 The purpose of this Act is to require the auditor to
16 perform a sunrise analysis of the proposed regulation of
17 athletic trainers.



1 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding the requirement of a
 2 referring concurrent resolution pursuant to section 26H-6,
 3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the auditor shall analyze the probable
 4 effects of a proposed regulatory measure to regulate the
 5 profession of athletic trainers in Hawaii and assess whether its
 6 enactment is consistent with the policies under section 26H-2,
 7 Hawaii Revised Statutes. The proposed measure to be analyzed
 8 shall be S.B. No. 2601, S.D. 1 (2010). The auditor shall
 9 analyze, at minimum, the issues entailed in the definition and
 10 scope of practice of an athletic trainer, and make
 11 recommendations on whether athletic trainers should be
 12 regulated.

13 (b) The auditor shall consider alternatives to the
 14 proposed regulation, as appropriate.

15 (c) The auditor shall submit reports of the analyses
 16 requested in section 1(a) and 1(b) of this Act to the
 17 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 18 the 2011 regular session.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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APPROVED this 14 day of MAY, 2010



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII