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# 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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**Report Title:**

Athletic Trainers; Registration

**Description:**

Requires a sunrise analysis for the regulation of athletic trainers, requires the auditor to submit reports of the requested analyses to the legislature prior to the 2011 session.  
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