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**Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 016**

To: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
Senator Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Gary A. Okamoto, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
April Donahue, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Government Affairs  
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Re: HB2349 RELATING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports HB2349 Relating to Violence Against Health Care Personnel.

By clarifying that the classification "emergency medical service providers" includes physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, and nurse practitioners in a hospital emergency room, this measure acknowledges the value of protecting these health care providers from assault and terroristic threatening.

The personnel in our hospital emergency rooms care for the people of Hawaii who are often the most vulnerable, and it is vital that they be allowed to provide this care free from harm.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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