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The Honorable Senators  
David Ige, Health Chair  
Josh Green, Vice Chair  
State Senate, Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

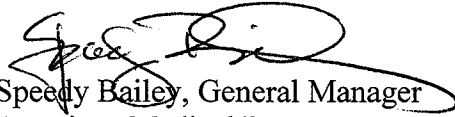
RE: SB 2728 Relating to Trauma

  
Dear Chair Ige:

American Medical Response respectfully supports the passage of SB 2728. In Hawaii, trauma is the leading cause of death and disability for 1-44 years of age. As such, a trauma system consists of multiple emergency medical service agencies, hospitals, and committees formed to review and improve the care provided to patients within the system. Multidisciplinary Quality Assurance (QA) and Peer Review (PR) committees involve broad participation with health organizations to produce improvements in care. This process relies on participation from individuals from various disciplines to review records for care that they did not themselves provide. Without protection from discovery, such reviewers could potentially become involved in medical malpractice cases. This potential adverse outcome seriously affects voluntary participation in QA and PR committees. The protection this bill affords will enable participation and broader involvement by individuals and agencies needed to produce the best results from a statewide trauma system.

Thank you very much for this consideration. Please feel to contact me @ 487-4900 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

  
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