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Representative Yamane,

My name is Neal Takamori, Athletic Director at McKinley High School and President of the Athletic Directors and Coaches Association of Hawaii (ADCA).

I have just word that the above bills concern concussion management. **ADCA feels that the bills are not necessary** because of the following reasons.

1. The Hawaii Athletic Trainers Association (HATA) in conjunction with Department of Education's Athletic Training program and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) has developed a concussion management program for Hawaii's high school student athletes.
2. We are currently working with the Department of Health's (DOH) Neurotrauma Division which addressed all components of this bill plus a detailed return to activity plan.
3. For example, McKinley High School has been utilizing a concussion management program (Impact Program) for three years targeting all athletes. We feel this bill is unnecessary.
4. The athletic trainers in the State of Hawaii are very pro active and have been working on a concussion management program for several years.
5. The athletic trainers target all athletes, not just football players as the bill specifies.
6. The bill mentions the "Impact" program. The athletic trainers are evaluating and researching various concussion management programs that might be better for Hawaii's athletes.
7. HB 1215 addresses funding for a concussion management program and we are in support of funding if the above are addressed.
8. The athletic trainers in Hawaii work with physicians to enable an athlete to return to play. Coaches do not make the final determination of a student returning to play.