

Testimony of Cindy Clivio on behalf of the Hawaii Association of Athletic Trainers **SB 2483**

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To: Chair Jill Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

My name is Cindy Clivio and I am testifying for the members of the Hawaii Association of Athletic Trainers (HATA) in **support of the intent of SB 2483** but request clarifying language.

The Hawaii Athletic Trainers Association (HATA) is the professional membership association for Certified Athletic Trainers in our state. Certified Athletic Trainers are health care providers who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses of athletes participating in various athletic events in Hawaii. Athletic Trainers are employed in all Hawaii's public schools, some private schools, colleges, Universities, hospitals, physician offices, clinics, and by the military.

HATA supports the intent of SB 2483. The value of AED's is indisputable. AED's have been used by athletic trainers several times over the past few years to save lives of student athletes, coaches, and spectators in conjunction with athletics. Certified Athletic trainers are already required by our national certification standards to have current CPR/First Aid and AED training for professional rescuers.

If the intent is for this bill to apply to us we request that where it says “trainer” to replace with athletic trainer which is the proper name for our profession. Otherwise there may be confusion with other job titles which have the word trainer in them such as a behavioral skills trainer. Secondly, it may be necessary to clarify the term “sporting event”. It is unclear if this only applies only to competition or if “sporting event” would include scrimmages, practice, and intramural events. We would also note that most schools have simultaneous sporting events both on and off campus. Some events are held at city and county parks, gyms, golf courses, and in the ocean. The larger schools often have up to 10 events occurring simultaneously and or overlapping each other, thus most schools would need to have between 3 and 10 AED’s to satisfy this bill. AED’s cost approximately \$1000.00 so each school would need to have an appropriation of between \$3,000 – 10,000. If an appropriation is not feasible the legislature might consider changing the language from “shall have on site of every sporting event” to have accessible at each sporting event.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.