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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & HEALTH
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Scott McCaffrey, MD, President
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Re: HB 1708 HD2 – RELATING TO MEDICINE AND SURGERY

IN OPPOSITION

Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association opposes HB 1708 HD2 as amended by the House. The original bill was intended to codify a practice that has long taken place in Hawaii and elsewhere, allowing physicians affiliated with visiting sports teams and events to provide first responder care to those teams for an extremely limited time without having to procure a Hawaii medical license, as long as the care did not extend outside of the playing field. As currently written, the bill will require the administrative effort, expense and delay in the application process to function, in many cases, in a volunteer position.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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