

HB1708 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

Report Title: Medicine and Surgery; Visiting Sports Physician Temporary License; Study

Description: Authorizes the Hawaii Medical Board to issue a visiting sports physician temporary license to a physician or osteopathic physician who is not licensed in this State under certain circumstances. Requires the Auditor to conduct a study to determine whether licensure for visiting sports physicians is warranted. (HB1708 HD2)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): MCKELVEY, BELATTI, BROWER, CREAGAN, POUHA, TAKAYAMA

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

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Tuesday, March 29, 2016
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1708, H.D. 2, RELATING TO MEDICINE AND
SURGERY.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., and I am a member of the Hawaii Medical Board's ("**Board**") Legislative Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill No. 1708, H.D. 2, Relating to Medicine and Surgery.

House Bill No. 1708, H.D. 2 would authorize the Board to issue a visiting sports physician temporary license to a physician or osteopathic physician who is not licensed in this State to provide medical care to members and coaching staff of a sports team or qualifying professional athletic association who are in the State for a specific sporting event. This bill would also require the Auditor to conduct a study to determine whether licensure for visiting sports physicians is warranted.

The Board supports this measure as it would allow the Board to carry out its legislative mandate, which is to protect the consuming public from unsafe or incompetent practitioners. Furthermore, this measure also provides a safety mechanism for the consuming public by limiting a holder of this temporary license from practicing outside of the scope or setting of this particular license.

Lastly, for the Committee's information, the Board would like to point out that forty-nine (49) of the seventy (70) allopathic/osteopathic licensing boards in the United States of America and its territories require a team physician to obtain either a permanent or temporary license prior to practicing medicine or osteopathic medicine in that jurisdiction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1708, H.D. 2.