

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2016

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016  
8:30 a.m.**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 1708, Relating to Medicine and Surgery. The Board has not had an opportunity to discuss this bill, but will do so at its next meeting on February 11, 2016. Therefore, the Board is not able to offer comments on the proposed amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill  
No. 1708.

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Feb 1, 2016

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

RE: Support for HB 1708 - Creates a limited licensing exemption for visiting sports team  
physicians  
Hearing Feb 3rd 830AM

Dear Honorable Representatives Bellatti and Creagan,

Visiting sports teams often have a physician joining them to care for the team. This bill would allow those physicians to care for members of the team who may sustain an injury during competition in Hawaii. The physician must be in good standing in their state. The exemption is only during that sporting event.

This is a bill that is necessary and has become law in over 30 states. It will have no adverse affects on local physicians.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

With Aloha,  
Linda Rasmussen, MD  
Past Board of Councilor American Academy of Orthopedic surgeons  
Past President, Hawaii Medical Association  
Past President, Hawaii Orthopedic Association  
Past President, Western Orthopedic Association



**Wednesday February 3, 2016**

**2:00 PM.**

**Capitol Rm. 325**

To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep. Richard Creagan, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Dr. Scott McCaffrey, MD, President  
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Ronald Keinitz, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HB 1708 – RELATING TO MEDICINE AND SURGERY

### **IN SUPPORT**

Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association supports HB 1708, which serves to codify a practice that has long taken place in Hawaii and elsewhere. This bill allows 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 and will not extend to care outside of the playing field.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

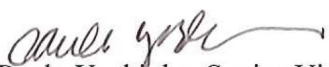
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## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair,  
The Honorable Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair  
Members, House of Representatives Committee on Health

  
From: Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 2, 2016

Hrg: House of Representatives Committee on Health; Tuesday, February 3, 2016 at 8:30 AM  
in Room 329

Re: **Support for HB 1708, Relating to Medicine and Surgery**

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The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) would like to express support for HB 1708, Relating to Medicine and Surgery.

Queen's recognizes the importance for sport team physicians to be supported when traveling with the athletes they treat. These physicians are familiar with the background of their athletes' medical and injury history, which is an advantage in the treatment process. When states do not recognize the licenses of out-of-state medical professionals, sport team physicians put their medical licenses and malpractice insurance at risk, in order to ensure their athletes health and safety.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

*The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.*



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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi (D-HI 19th District)  
House of Representatives  
403 State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Fax: 808-586-6311

**SUBJECT: Letter of Support for H.B. No. 1708- Chapter 453-Visiting sports team physician: licensure exemption**

Dear Representative Kobayashi:

As the Council of Delegates Hawaii Representative of the Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Society, a resident in your district, a practicing sports medicine orthopedic surgeon on Oahu, and a member of the Hawaii Orthopedic Association, I respectfully write to express my strong support for H.B. No. 1708-Chapter 453-Visiting sports team physician: licensure exemption.

This bill would enable a physician who is currently licensed in good standing to practice medicine in another state, to be exempt for the licensure requirements in Hawaii while practicing in Hawaii temporarily if he or she meets these requirements: 1) the physician has a written or oral agreement with a sports team to provide care to the team members and/or coaching staff traveling with the team to Hawaii for a specific sporting event to take place in here in Hawaii, 2) The physician has been invited by a national sport governing body to provide services to team members and coaching staff at a national sport training center in Hawaii, or 3) To provide services at an event or competition in Hawaii that is sanctioned by the national sport governing body.

This bill serves to protect the ability of visiting physicians to legally care for their team members, coaching staff, cheer leaders, etc. who may be sick or injured while on official travel with the team event. **It does not affect local physicians** nor put in legal jeopardy any entities in Hawaii. This same legislation has already been voted into law in over 30 states, thus allowing reciprocity for visiting team physicians. Your support of this legislation will allow Hawaii to join the ranks of most US states (with all others in various states of passage), to protect the ability of the visiting team physicians to care for their team members while briefly visiting our paradise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CRBottoni".

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