

SB2331

Measure Title: RELATING TO SPORTS MEDICINE.

Report Title: Visiting Physicians; Sports; Licensure; Exemption

Description: Allows visiting licensed physicians traveling with a sports team or national sport governing body to provide medical treatment to team members and coaching staff under certain conditions without a Hawaii license to practice medicine.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): BAKER, ENGLISH, KAHELE, KEITH-AGARAN, KIDANI, NISHIHARA, RUDERMAN, TOKUDA, Gabbard, Ihara

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2331, RELATING TO SPORTS MEDICINE.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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 submit testimony in opposition to Senate Bill No. 2331, Relating to Sports Medicine.

Senate Bill No. 2331 proposes to allow out-of-state licensed physicians affiliated with a sports team or national sport governing body to provide medical services for team members and coaching staff under certain conditions without a Hawaii license to practice medicine.

The Board is concerned that this bill would mandate that it relinquish its authority to enforce its laws or discipline physicians practicing medicine in the State of Hawaii. In consideration of this measure, the Board inquired how it would be able to take appropriate action against an exempt physician if substandard or inappropriate care were provided. While it is noted that there is language that strictly prohibits these exempt physicians from providing care to any person residing in the State, the Board sees no distinction between a patient who resides in the State and a patient who is visiting this State for whatever reasons. If substandard care or inappropriate care is provided, the Board would like the opportunity to appropriately address the matter.


Given the above, the Board respectfully requests that this bill be held in Committee. If the Committee is willing to indulge the Board's request, the Board proposes that during the interim, a working group be created, which would bring the appropriate stakeholders together to address this matter and discuss possible solutions including, but not limited, to creating a limited and temporary license specific to this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2331.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health
Members, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health

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

Date: February 12, 2016

Hrg: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health Hearing; Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 9:00 am in Room 229

Re: **Support for SB 2331, Relating to Sports Medicine**

My name is Paula Yoshioka and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express support for SB 2331, Relating to Sports Medicine. This bill allows visiting licensed physicians traveling with a sports team or national sport governing body to provide medical treatment to team members and coaching staff under certain conditions without a Hawaii license to practice medicine.

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.