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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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Tuesday, February 13, 2018
2:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2062, H.D. 1, RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the Athletic Trainers Program with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2062, H.D. 1, which is a companion to S.B. 2053.

This measure makes permanent the regulation of athletic trainers, and amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") chapter 436H by clarifying that an individual who accompanies an athlete or team of athletes into this state for a temporary period is not required to possess a valid license, registration, or certification from another jurisdiction if that jurisdiction does not regulate athletic trainers. H.D. 1 amends H.B. 2062 by: (1) making permanent the requirements of HRS chapter 436H, which regulates athletic

trainers; and (2) exempting from regulation individuals temporarily accompanying teams to Hawaii for an athletic or a sporting event from a state that does not regulate athletic trainers.

The Department agrees with Auditor Report No. 17-08, as the current registration requirement for athletic trainers is reasonably necessary to protect the public interest. The decisions an athletic trainer makes can significantly impact an athlete's health, safety, and welfare. The Department also agrees that current regulation of athletic trainers does not impose unreasonable restrictions on individuals entering the profession.

The Department supports the amendments to HRS 436H-5 (Exemptions) on page 6, lines 9-18 and agrees that these amendments will help protect the health, safety, and welfare of athletes visiting Hawaii.

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Testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association

Support for H.B. 2062

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2:00 PM, Room 329

To: Chair Roy M. Takumi and Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce:

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Since its enactment in 2012, The Athletic Trainer Registration Act has been successful in establishing a registration procedure that authenticates qualified athletic trainers and manages complaints. The main success has been to increase the safety for Hawaii athletes and especially the many youth participating in competitive sports. HATA strongly supports making permanent the current registration requirement for athletic trainers.

The measure also adds language to exempt athletic trainers from regulation who are from a state that does not regulate athletic trainers. HATA appreciates the intent of this provision but respectfully requests removing this language from the measure. California is in the process of passing legislation to enact its own registration program and therefore this language is unnecessary.

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