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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, March 28, 2018
2:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2053, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, 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 S.B. 2053, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Relating to Athletic Trainers.

This measure makes permanent the regulation of athletic trainers, which is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2018.

The Department supports this bill and agrees with Auditor Report No. 17-08, as the current registration requirement for athletic trainers is reasonably necessary to protect the public interest. The Department also agrees that the current regulation of

athletic trainers does not impose unreasonable restrictions on individuals entering the profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2053, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/28/2018
Time: 02:00 PM
Location: 308
Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2053, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

Purpose of Bill:

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2053, SD1, HD1.

Certified Athletic Health Care Trainers (AHCT) are health care providers who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses of student athletes participating in various athletic events in Hawaii. Since its passage in 2012, the Athletic Trainer Registration Act has been successful in establishing a registration procedure that authenticates qualified athletic trainers and manages complaints in Hawaii. The impetus has been to increase the safety for our high school student athletes who participate in competitive sports by ensuring only qualified and knowledgeable personnel are hired.

As the Department values the positive impact AHCTs have on our student athletes, the Department supports making permanent the current registration requirement for athletic trainers.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2053 SD1, HD1.

The Hawaii State Department of Education seeks to advance the goals of the Strategic Plan which is focused on student success, staff success, and successful systems of support. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at www.hawaiipublicschools.org.

Testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association

Support for S.B. 2053 SD1 HD1

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

2:00 PM, Room 308

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To: Chair Sylvia Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

My name is Darryl Funai and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association (HATA) in strong support of S.B. 2053 SD1 HD1 with one amendment to make the date effective, "upon approval".

HATA is the professional membership association for Certified Athletic Trainers in our state. Certified Athletic Trainers are health care providers who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses of athletes participating in various athletic events in Hawaii. Athletic Trainers are employed in all Hawaii's public schools, some private schools, colleges, Universities, hospitals, physician offices, clinics, and by the military.

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.

We respectfully request the committee to amend this measure by making the date effective upon approval. All parties are in support of making the registration process permanent and there are no fiscal implications or other reasons to warrant any further discussion on the matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure and please let me know if you have any questions.