
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's shortage
3 of physicians is a significant and challenging healthcare
4 concern. According to the 2018 Annual Report on Findings from
5 the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment Report, the current
6 physician shortage has increased from 769 in 2017 to 797 in
7 2018. The specialties most affected statewide include Primary
8 Care, Infectious Disease, Colorectal Surgery, Neurological
9 Surgery, and Pulmonary.

10 Additionally, the legislature finds that, according to the
11 2017 federal United States Census Bureau data, of Hawaii's 1.4
12 million residents, 17.8 per cent are sixty-five years old and
13 older. As this population continues to age, its healthcare
14 needs continue to increase.

15 Thus, to manage both the growing physician shortage and
16 growing medical demands of the State's aging population, the
17 legislature finds that a solution lies in the utilization of



1 physician assistants as an effective and efficient method to
2 deliver healthcare. Physician assistants are skilled healthcare
3 providers trained to take medical histories, perform physical
4 examinations, order and interpret laboratory tests, diagnose
5 illness, develop and manage treatment plans for their patients,
6 prescribe medications, and assist in surgery.

7 The intensive physician assistant program curriculum is
8 modeled on the medical school curriculum. The typical physician
9 assistant program is twenty-seven continuous months and begins
10 with classroom instruction in basic medical sciences. This is
11 followed by rotations in medical and surgical disciplines
12 including family medicine, internal medicine, general surgery,
13 pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, and
14 psychiatry. Physician assistant students complete at least two
15 thousand hours of supervised clinical practice in various
16 settings and locations by the time of graduation. Almost all
17 physician assistant programs now award master's degrees, and, by
18 2020, all programs must do so.

19 Physician assistants graduate from an accredited program
20 and must pass a national certification exam to be licensed to
21 practice medicine with collaboration of a licensed physician.



1 Physician assistants work in various clinical settings,
2 locations, and specialties. Physician assistants can work off-
3 site from their collaborating physician if the physician remains
4 available via telecommunication.

5 Further, the legislature finds that as interprofessional
6 healthcare team practice evolves and research repeatedly shows
7 the quality and safety of physician assistant-provided care, a
8 physician assistant's scope of practice can safely be determined
9 at the practice level. Broadening physician assistants' scope
10 of practice such that the scope is determined at the practice
11 level, responds to the needs of the collaborating physician,
12 facility, medical specialty, and patient population; thus,
13 increasing efficiency and delivery of healthcare and lessening
14 the administrative burden. Practice level specificity will
15 allow more physicians and facilities to hire physician
16 assistants without concern for restrictive state regulations.
17 Physicians and surgeons who desire the extension of team-based
18 physician assistant collaboration may in turn be attracted to
19 practice in Hawaii by the increased physician assistant
20 availability and reduced workload through physician assistant
21 utilization.



1 The purposes of this Act are to:

2 (1) Clarify the scope and practice of physician assistants
3 in the State;

4 (2) Amend membership of the Hawaii medical board to
5 include two physician assistants and clarify the
6 powers of the board;

7 (3) Make conforming amendments as to the scope and
8 practice of physician assistants in the State; and

9 (4) Expand the bases upon which a physician's or surgeon's
10 license may be revoked.

11 PART II

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding four new sections to part I to be
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15 "§453- Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter:

16 "Advanced directives" includes do not resuscitate orders,
17 physician orders for life-sustaining treatment, organ and tissue
18 donation, durable power of attorney for health care or health
19 care power of attorney, or living will.



1 "Collaborating physician" means a physician or medical
2 facility licensed in the State who has entered into a practice
3 agreement with a physician assistant under this chapter.

4 "Durable medical equipment" means equipment that:

- 5 (1) Is considered a selected product under the Centers for
6 Medicare and Medicaid Services durable medical
7 equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies
8 competitive bidding program that can stand repeated
9 use;
- 10 (2) Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical
11 purpose;
- 12 (3) Is generally not useful to a person in the absence of
13 an illness or injury;
- 14 (4) Is appropriate for use in the home;
- 15 (5) Does not contain any prescription drug; and
- 16 (6) Is not considered to be a specialty item, equipment,
17 or service.

18 "Distant site" means the location of the physician or
19 physician assistant delivering services through telemedicine at
20 the time the services are provided.



1 "Hawaii medical board" or "board" means the Hawaii medical
2 board established pursuant to section 453-5.

3 "Legend drugs" means any drug falling within section
4 503(b)(1) of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and which
5 is required to be labeled with the statement "Rx only".

6 "National Commission on Certification of Physician
7 Assistants" means the nonprofit organization established in
8 1974, or its successor organization, that provides certification
9 programs to reflect standards for clinical knowledge, clinical
10 reasoning, and other medical skills and professional behaviors
11 required upon entry into practice and throughout the careers of
12 physician assistants.

13 "Optimal team practice" means physician assistants have the
14 ability to consult with a physician or other qualified medical
15 professional, as indicated by the patient's condition and the
16 standard of care, and in accordance with the physician
17 assistant's training, experience, and current competencies.

18 "Originating site" means the location where the patient is
19 located, whether accompanied or not by a health care provider,
20 at the time services are provided by a physician or physician
21 assistant through telehealth, including but not limited to a



1 physician's office, hospital, health care facility, hospice
2 facility, nursing home, ambulatory facility, a patient's home,
3 and other non-medical environments such as pharmacies, school-
4 based health centers, university-based health centers, or the
5 work location of the patient.

6 "Osteopathic medicine" means the utilization of full
7 methods of diagnosis and treatment in physical and mental health
8 and disease, including the prescribing and administration of
9 drugs and biologicals of all kinds, operative surgery,
10 obstetrics, radiological, and other electromagnetic emissions,
11 and placing special emphasis on the interrelation of the neuro-
12 musculoskeletal system to all other body systems, and the
13 amelioration of disturbed structure-function relationships by
14 the clinical application of the osteopathic diagnosis and
15 therapeutic skills for the maintenance of health and treatment
16 of disease.

17 "Physician assistant" means a health care professional who
18 meets the qualifications defined in this chapter and is licensed
19 to practice medicine pursuant to this chapter.



1 "Practice agreement" means a written agreement between a
2 collaborating physician or medical facility and a physician
3 assistant.

4 "Radiologist" means a doctor of medicine or a doctor of
5 osteopathy certified in radiology by the American Board of
6 Radiology or the American Board of Osteopathy.

7 "Telehealth" as used in chapters 431, 432, and 432D,
8 includes "telemedicine" as defined in this section.

9 "Telemedicine" means the use of telecommunications
10 services, as that term is defined in section 269-1, including
11 voice communication, real-time video conferencing-based
12 communication, secure interactive and non-interactive web-based
13 communication, and secure asynchronous information exchange, to
14 transmit patient medical information, including diagnostic-
15 quality digital images and laboratory results for medical
16 interpretation and diagnosis, for the purposes of:

- 17 (1) Delivering enhanced health care services and
18 information while a patient is at an originating site
19 and the physician is at a distant site;
- 20 (2) Establishing a physician-patient relationship;
- 21 (3) Evaluating a patient; or



1 (4) Treating a patient.

2 §453- Physician assistant; scope of practice. (a)

3 Physician assistants may provide any legal medical service for
4 which they have been prepared by their education, training, and
5 experience and are competent to perform.

6 (b) Physician assistants may exercise autonomy in medical
7 decision-making.

8 (c) Physician assistants shall be responsible for the
9 patient care they provide.

10 (d) Physician assistants subscribe to the concept of
11 optimal team practice and collaborate with, consult with, and
12 refer to physicians and other members of the health care team as
13 indicated by the patient's condition and the standard of care.
14 The manner in which physician assistants and physicians work
15 together shall be determined at the practice level.

16 (e) Medical and surgical services provided by physician
17 assistants include but are not limited to:

18 (1) Obtaining and performing comprehensive health
19 histories and physical examinations;

20 (2) Evaluating, diagnosing, managing, and providing
21 medical treatment;



- 1 (3) Ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic
- 2 studies and therapeutic procedures;
- 3 (4) Educating patients on health promotion and disease
- 4 prevention;
- 5 (5) Providing consultation upon request;
- 6 (6) Obtaining informed consent; and
- 7 (7) Writing medical orders.
- 8 (f) Physician assistants may provide services in
- 9 healthcare facilities or programs including, but not limited to,
- 10 physicians' offices, hospitals, hospice facilities, nursing
- 11 homes, ambulatory facilities, assisted living facilities,
- 12 medical clinics, behavioral or mental health facilities, medical
- 13 organizations, health care centers, and school-based or college-
- 14 based facilities.
- 15 (g) Physician assistants may supervise, delegate, and
- 16 assign therapeutic and diagnostic measures to licensed or
- 17 unlicensed personnel. Consistent with the scope of practice as
- 18 previously described, physician assistants may certify the
- 19 health or disability of a patient as required by any local,
- 20 state, or federal program.



1 (h) Physician assistants may authenticate any document
 2 with their signature, certification, stamp, verification,
 3 affidavit, or endorsement if it may be so authenticated by the
 4 signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or
 5 endorsement of a physician.

6 §453- Physician assistants in disasters; emergency field
 7 response and volunteering. Physician assistants shall be
 8 allowed to provide medical care in disaster and emergency
 9 situations that occur outside their place of employment and in
 10 this State. This exemption shall extend to physician assistants
 11 who are federal employees or licensed in other states.

12 Physician assistants who are volunteering without compensation
 13 or remuneration shall be permitted to provide medical care as
 14 indicated by the patient's condition and the standard of care,
 15 and in accordance with the physician assistant's education,
 16 training, and experience. No relationship between a physician
 17 assistant, physician, or any other entity shall be required in
 18 order for a physician assistant to volunteer in such situations.

19 §453- Physician assistants; prescriptive authority. A
 20 physician assistant may prescribe, order, administer, and
 21 dispense legend drugs and controlled substances in schedules II



1 through V of chapter 329 consistent with the physician
2 assistant's scope of practice; provided that:

3 (1) The physician assistant has an active federal Drug
4 Enforcement Administration registration number. The
5 federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration
6 number must be valid for the handling of that
7 controlled substance and shall be on file with the
8 board;

9 (2) A physician assistant registered to prescribe
10 controlled substances shall include the federal Drug
11 Enforcement Administration registration number of the
12 physician assistant on all controlled substance
13 prescriptions;

14 (3) The physician assistant is registered with the
15 department of public safety pursuant to chapter 329;

16 (4) Each written controlled substance prescription issued
17 by the physician assistant shall include the printed,
18 stamped, typed, or hand-printed name, address, and
19 phone number of the physician assistant and shall be
20 signed by the physician assistant; and

21 (5) All prescriptions are in compliance with chapter 329."



1 SECTION 3. Section 453-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§453-1 Practice of medicine defined. (a) For the
4 purposes of this chapter the practice of medicine by a physician
5 [~~or~~], an osteopathic physician, or a physician assistant
6 includes the use of drugs and medicines, water, electricity,
7 hypnotism, osteopathic medicine, or any means or method, or any
8 agent, either tangible or intangible, for the treatment of
9 disease in the human subject; provided that when a duly licensed
10 physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, or physician assistant
11 pronounces a person affected with any disease hopeless and
12 beyond recovery and gives a written certificate to that effect
13 to the person affected or the person's attendant nothing herein
14 shall forbid any person from giving or furnishing any remedial
15 agent or measure when so requested by or on behalf of the
16 affected person.

17 (b) Collaboration among physicians and physician
18 assistants shall be continuous but shall not be construed as
19 requiring the physical presence of the physician at the time and
20 place the services are rendered, or requiring that a physician
21 be liable for the care rendered by a physician assistant.



1 Collaborating physicians are considered a resource that
2 strengthens the physician-physician assistant team approach to
3 patient care.

4 (c) A physician practice or facility may establish terms
5 of an agreement of collaboration to define the manner and degree
6 of collaboration that is appropriate in rendering patient care
7 at the practice level or facility level.

8 (d) This section shall not amend or repeal the law
9 respecting the treatment of those affected with Hansen's
10 disease.

11 ~~[For purposes of this chapter, "osteopathic medicine" means~~
12 ~~the utilization of full methods of diagnosis and treatment in~~
13 ~~physical and mental health and disease, including the~~
14 ~~prescribing and administration of drugs and biologicals of all~~
15 ~~kinds, operative surgery, obstetrics, radiological, and other~~
16 ~~electromagnetic emissions, and placing special emphasis on the~~
17 ~~interrelation of the neuro-musculoskeletal system to all other~~
18 ~~body systems, and the amelioration of disturbed structure-~~
19 ~~function relationships by the clinical application of the~~
20 ~~osteopathic diagnosis and therapeutic skills for the maintenance~~
21 ~~of health and treatment of disease.] "~~



1 SECTION 4. Section 453-1.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§453-1.3 Practice of [~~telehealth,~~] telemedicine. (a)

4 Subject to section 453-2(b), nothing in this section shall
5 preclude any physician or physician assistant acting within the
6 scope of [~~the physician's license~~] their respective licenses to
7 practice from practicing [~~telehealth as defined in this~~
8 ~~section.~~] telemedicine.

9 (b) [~~Telehealth~~] Telemedicine services shall include a
10 documented patient evaluation, including history and a
11 discussion of physical symptoms adequate to establish a
12 diagnosis and to identify underlying conditions or
13 contraindications to the treatment recommended or provided.

14 (c) Treatment recommendations made via [~~telehealth,~~]
15 telemedicine, including issuing a prescription via electronic
16 means, shall be held to the same standards of appropriate
17 practice as those in traditional physician-patient or physician
18 assistant-patient settings that do not include a face-to-face
19 visit but in which prescribing is appropriate, including on-call
20 telephone encounters and encounters for which a follow-up visit
21 is arranged. Issuing a prescription based solely on an online



1 questionnaire is not treatment for the purposes of this section
2 and does not constitute an acceptable standard of care. For the
3 purposes of prescribing opiates or any other schedule II
4 controlled substances or certifying a patient for the medical
5 use of cannabis, a physician-patient or physician assistant-
6 patient relationship shall only be established after an in-
7 person consultation between the prescribing physician or
8 physician assistant and the patient.

9 (d) All medical reports resulting from [~~telehealth~~]
10 telemedicine services are part of a patient's health record and
11 shall be made available to the patient. Patient medical records
12 shall be maintained in compliance with all applicable state and
13 federal requirements including privacy requirements.

14 (e) A physician or physician assistant shall not use
15 [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine to establish a physician-patient or
16 physician assistant-patient relationship with a patient in
17 [~~this~~] the State without a license to practice medicine in
18 [~~Hawaii.~~] the State.

19 (f) A physician-patient or physician assistant-patient
20 relationship may be established via [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine if
21 the patient is referred to the [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine



1 provider by another health care provider who has conducted an
2 in-person consultation and has provided all pertinent patient
3 information to the [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine provider. Once a
4 provider-patient relationship is established, a patient or
5 physician or physician assistant licensed in [~~this~~] the State
6 may use [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine for any purpose, including
7 consultation with a medical provider licensed in another state,
8 authorized by this section or as otherwise provided by law.

9 (g) The physician-patient or physician assistant-patient
10 relationship prerequisite under this section shall not apply to
11 [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine consultations for emergency department
12 services.

13 (h) Reimbursement for behavioral health services provided
14 through [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine shall be equivalent to
15 reimbursement for the same services provided via face-to-face
16 contact between a health care provider and a patient.

17 (i) Services provided by [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine
18 pursuant to this chapter shall be consistent with all federal
19 and state privacy, security, and confidentiality laws.

20 [~~(j) For the purposes of this section:~~



1 ~~"Distant site" means the location of the physician~~
2 ~~delivering services through telehealth at the time the services~~
3 ~~are provided.~~

4 ~~"Originating site" means the location where the patient is~~
5 ~~located, whether accompanied or not by a health care provider,~~
6 ~~at the time services are provided by a physician through~~
7 ~~telehealth, including but not limited to a physician's office,~~
8 ~~hospital, health care facility, a patient's home, and other non-~~
9 ~~medical environments such as school based health centers,~~
10 ~~university based health centers, or the work location of a~~
11 ~~patient.~~

12 ~~"Telehealth" means the use of telecommunications as that~~
13 ~~term is defined in section 269-1, to encompass four modalities:~~
14 ~~store and forward technologies, remote monitoring, live~~
15 ~~consultation, and mobile health; and which shall include but not~~
16 ~~be limited to real time video conferencing based communication,~~
17 ~~secure interactive and non-interactive web based communication,~~
18 ~~and secure asynchronous information exchange, to transmit~~
19 ~~patient medical information, including diagnostic quality~~
20 ~~digital images and laboratory results for medical interpretation~~
21 ~~and diagnosis, for the purposes of: delivering enhanced health~~



1 ~~care services and information while a patient is at an~~
2 ~~originating site and the physician is at a distant site,~~
3 ~~establishing a physician patient relationship; evaluating a~~
4 ~~patient; or treating a patient.] "~~

5 SECTION 5. Section 453-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§453-1.5 Pain management guidelines. The Hawaii medical
8 board may establish guidelines for physicians [~~or~~], osteopathic
9 physicians, or physician assistants with respect to patients'
10 pain management. The guidelines shall apply to all patients
11 with severe acute pain or severe chronic pain, regardless of the
12 patient's prior or current chemical dependency or addiction, and
13 may include standards and procedures for chemically dependent
14 individuals."

15 SECTION 6. Section 453-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended as follows:

17 1. By amending its title to read:

18 "§453-2 [~~License~~] Physician; license required;
19 exceptions."

20 2. By amending subsection (b) to read:

21 "(b) Nothing herein shall:



- 1 (1) Apply to so-called Christian Scientists; provided that
2 the Christian Scientists practice the religious tenets
3 of their church without pretending a knowledge of
4 medicine or surgery;
- 5 (2) Prohibit service in the case of emergency or the
6 domestic administration of family remedies;
- 7 (3) Apply to any commissioned medical officer in the
8 United States armed forces or public health service
9 engaged in the discharge of one's official duty,
10 including a commissioned medical officer employed by
11 the United States Department of Defense, while
12 providing direct [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine support or
13 services to neighbor island beneficiaries within a
14 Hawaii National Guard armory on the island of Kauai,
15 Hawaii, Molokai, or Maui; provided that the
16 commissioned medical officer employed by the United
17 States Department of Defense is credentialed by
18 Tripler Army Medical Center;
- 19 (4) Apply to any practitioner of medicine and surgery from
20 another state when in actual consultation, including
21 in-person, mail, electronic, telephonic, fiber-optic,



1 or other [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine consultation with a
2 licensed physician or osteopathic physician of this
3 State, if the physician or osteopathic physician from
4 another state at the time of consultation is licensed
5 to practice in the state in which the physician or
6 osteopathic physician resides; provided that:

7 (A) The physician or osteopathic physician from
8 another state shall not open an office, or
9 appoint a place to meet patients in [~~this~~] the
10 State, or receive calls within the limits of the
11 State for the provision of care for a patient who
12 is located in [~~this~~] the State;

13 (B) The licensed physician or osteopathic physician
14 of this State retains control and remains
15 responsible for the provision of care for the
16 patient who is located in [~~this~~] the State; and

17 (C) The laws and rules relating to contagious
18 diseases are not violated;

19 (5) Prohibit services rendered by any person certified
20 under part II of this chapter to provide emergency
21 medical services, or any physician assistant, when the



1 services are rendered under the direction and control
2 of a physician or osteopathic physician licensed in
3 [~~this~~] the State except for final refraction resulting
4 in a prescription for spectacles, contact lenses, or
5 visual training as performed by an oculist or
6 optometrist duly licensed by the State. The direction
7 and control shall not be construed in every case to
8 require the personal presence of the supervising and
9 controlling physician or osteopathic physician. Any
10 physician or osteopathic physician who employs or
11 directs a person certified under part II of this
12 chapter to provide emergency medical services, or a
13 physician assistant, shall retain full professional
14 and personal responsibility for any act that
15 constitutes the practice of medicine when performed by
16 the certified person or physician assistant;

17 (6) Prohibit automated external defibrillation by:

18 (A) Any first responder personnel certified by the
19 department of health to provide automated
20 external defibrillation when it is rendered under
21 the medical oversight of a physician or



1 osteopathic physician licensed in [~~this~~] the
2 State; or

3 (B) Any person acting in accordance with section
4 663-1.5(e); or

5 (7) Prohibit a radiologist duly licensed to practice
6 medicine and provide radiology services in another
7 state from using [~~telehealth~~] telemedicine while
8 located in [~~this~~] the State to provide radiology
9 services to a patient who is located in the state in
10 which the radiologist is licensed. [~~For the purposes~~
11 ~~of this paragraph.~~

12 "~~Distant site~~" means ~~the location of the~~
13 ~~radiologist delivering services through telehealth at~~
14 ~~the time the services are provided.~~

15 "~~Originating site~~" means ~~the location where the~~
16 ~~patient is located, whether accompanied or not by a~~
17 ~~health care provider, at the time services are~~
18 ~~provided by a radiologist through telehealth,~~
19 ~~including but not limited to a radiologist's or health~~
20 ~~care provider's office, hospital, health care~~
21 ~~facility, a patient's home, and other non-medical~~



1 ~~environments such as school based health centers,~~
2 ~~university based health centers, or the work location~~
3 ~~of a patient.~~

4 ~~"Radiologist" means a doctor of medicine or a~~
5 ~~doctor of osteopathy certified in radiology by the~~
6 ~~American Board of Radiology or the American Board of~~
7 ~~Osteopathy.~~

8 ~~"Telehealth" means the use of telecommunications,~~
9 ~~as that term is defined in section 269-1, to~~
10 ~~encompass four modalities: store and forward~~
11 ~~technologies, remote monitoring, live consultation,~~
12 ~~and mobile health, and which shall include but not be~~
13 ~~limited to real time video conferencing based~~
14 ~~communication, secure interactive and non-interactive~~
15 ~~web-based communication, and secure asynchronous~~
16 ~~information exchange, to transmit patient medical~~
17 ~~information, including diagnostic quality digital~~
18 ~~images and laboratory results for medical~~
19 ~~interpretation and diagnosis, for the purpose of~~
20 ~~delivering enhanced health care services and~~
21 ~~information while a patient is at an originating site~~



1 ~~and the radiologist is at a distant site. Standard~~
 2 ~~telephone contacts, facsimile transmissions, or e-mail~~
 3 ~~texts, in combination or by themselves, do not~~
 4 ~~constitute a telehealth service for the purposes of~~
 5 ~~this paragraph.] "~~

6 SECTION 7. Section 453-3.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 7 amended to read as follows:

8 "**§453-3.2 Educational teaching license.** (a) The board
 9 may issue an educational teaching license to a physician [~~or~~],
 10 osteopathic physician, or physician assistant who is not
 11 licensed in [~~this~~] the State and who is invited by the chief of
 12 service of a clinical department of a hospital to provide and
 13 promote professional education for students, interns, residents,
 14 fellows, doctors of medicine, [~~and~~] doctors of osteopathic
 15 medicine, and physician assistants in [~~this~~] the State. In no
 16 case shall an educational teaching license issued hereunder be
 17 valid for more than a period of twelve months from the date of
 18 issuance of the license.

19 (b) To receive an educational teaching license, the
 20 applicant shall:



- 1 (1) Complete an application as prescribed by the board,
2 which shall include a summary of the applicant's
3 medical, educational, and professional background;
- 4 (2) Provide proof that the applicant is licensed as a
5 physician ~~[or]~~, osteopathic physician, or physician
6 assistant in another state or country and the license
7 is current and in good standing;
- 8 (3) Submit a letter with the application signed by the
9 chief of service of a clinical department of a
10 hospital attesting that the chief of service is a
11 licensed physician or osteopathic physician of [~~this~~]
12 the State and is requesting to sponsor and monitor the
13 applicant while the person is engaged in educational
14 or teaching activities for the hospital under an
15 educational teaching license; and
- 16 (4) Pay all applicable fees.
- 17 (c) The holder of an educational teaching license shall
18 not open or appoint a place to meet patients, or receive calls
19 from patients relating to the practice of medicine, beyond the
20 parameters of the hospital that is sponsoring and monitoring the
21 licensee's activities.



1 (d) The holder of an educational teaching license shall
2 obey all laws and rules of [~~this~~] the State."

3 SECTION 8. Section 453-3.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§453-3.5 Training replacement temporary license. (a)
6 The board may issue a limited and temporary license to [~~a~~] an
7 out-of-state physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, or physician
8 assistant to maintain patient services for the purpose of
9 substituting for another physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician,
10 or physician assistant licensed in [~~this~~] the State to enable
11 specialized training at an out-of-state fully accredited medical
12 teaching institution; provided that the out-of-state physician
13 [~~or~~], osteopathic physician[+], or physician assistant:

14 (1) (A) Is board certified by the American Board of
15 Medical Specialties or Bureau of Osteopathic
16 Specialties in the subspecialty in which the
17 Hawaii physician or osteopathic physician is
18 seeking training; or

19 (B) Is in compliance with the medical educational and
20 training standards the board establishes for the



- 1 purposes of training replacement physician
2 assistants;
- 3 (2) Is a member of the teaching faculty of the accredited
4 medical teaching institution;
- 5 (3) Has an unrestricted license in another state;
- 6 (4) Has been invited by the chief of a clinical department
7 of a hospital; and
- 8 (5) Has been examined and approved by the hospital's
9 credential process.

10 The limited and temporary license issued under this section
11 shall expire upon notification of the board by the Hawaii-
12 licensed physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, or physician
13 assistant that the physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, or
14 physician assistant has resumed the physician's [~~or~~],
15 osteopathic physician's, or physician assistant's practice in
16 [~~this~~] the State. Licenses and extensions of licenses issued
17 under this section to an individual shall not be valid for more
18 than nine months during any consecutive twenty-four month
19 period.

20 (b) The chief of the clinical department in which the out-
21 of-state physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, or physician



1 assistant will practice shall submit a letter to the board that
2 shall include, without limitation, the following:

3 (1) Identification and documentation of unrestricted
4 license for the applicant for the specialty training
5 license;

6 (2) A statement that the hospital is sponsoring the
7 applicant, and shall be responsible for monitoring the
8 individual physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, or
9 physician assistant during the period of the temporary
10 license;

11 (3) Verification of the start and end dates for the
12 requested temporary license; and

13 (4) Verification that the chief of the clinical department
14 is a licensed physician or osteopathic physician of
15 [~~this~~] the State.

16 (c) The holder of a specialty training license shall obey
17 and be subject to all laws and rules of [~~this~~] the State."

18 SECTION 9. Section 453-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending its title to read as follows:

20 "§453-4 [~~Qualifications~~] Physician; qualifications for
21 examination and licensure."



1 SECTION 10. Section 453-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) For the purpose of carrying out this chapter, the
4 governor shall appoint a Hawaii medical board whose duty it
5 shall be to examine all applicants for license to practice
6 medicine or surgery. [~~As used in this chapter, "board" means~~
7 ~~the Hawaii medical board.~~]

8 The board shall consist of [~~eleven~~] thirteen persons, seven
9 of whom shall be physicians or surgeons licensed under the laws
10 of the State, two of whom shall be osteopathic physicians
11 licensed under the laws of the State, two of whom shall be
12 physician assistants licensed under the laws of the State, and
13 two of whom shall be lay members appointed from the public at
14 large. Of the nine members who are physicians, surgeons, or
15 osteopathic physicians, at least [~~five~~]:

16 (1) Five shall be appointed from the city and county of
17 Honolulu and at least one shall be appointed from each
18 of the other counties [~~-~~]; and

19 (2) Two shall have experience with the physician assistant
20 practice.



1 Medical societies in the various counties may conduct elections
2 periodically but no less frequently than every two years to
3 determine nominees for the board to be submitted to the
4 governor. In making appointments, the governor may consider
5 recommendations submitted by the medical societies and the
6 public at large. Each member shall serve until a successor is
7 appointed and qualified."

8 SECTION 11. Section 453-5.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 **"§453-5.3 Physician assistant; licensure required. (a)**
11 The Hawaii medical board shall require each person practicing
12 medicine [~~under the supervision of a physician or osteopathic~~
13 ~~physician~~], other than a person licensed under section 453-3, to
14 be licensed as a physician assistant. A person who is trained
15 to do only a very limited number of diagnostic or therapeutic
16 procedures under the direction of a physician or osteopathic
17 physician shall not be deemed a practitioner of medicine or
18 osteopathy and therefore does not require licensure under this
19 section.

20 (b) The board shall establish medical educational and
21 training standards with which a person applying for licensure as



1 a physician assistant shall comply. The standards shall be at
2 least equal to recognized national education and training
3 standards for physician assistants.

4 (c) Upon satisfactory proof of compliance with the
5 required medical educational and training standards, the board
6 may grant state licensure to a person [~~who has been granted~~
7 ~~certification based~~] upon passage of a national certifying
8 examination [~~and who holds a current certificate from the~~
9 ~~national certifying entity approved by the board.~~] administered
10 by the National Commission on Certification of Physician
11 Assistants.

12 [~~(d) The board shall approve temporary licensure of an~~
13 ~~applicant under this section. The applicant shall have graduated~~
14 ~~from a board approved training program within twelve months of~~
15 ~~the date of application and never taken a national certifying~~
16 ~~examination approved by the board but otherwise meets the~~
17 ~~requirements of this section. The applicant shall file a~~
18 ~~complete application with the board and pay all required fees.~~
19 ~~If the applicant fails to apply for, or to take, the first~~
20 ~~examination scheduled by the board following the issuance of the~~
21 ~~temporary license, fails to pass the examination, or fails to~~



1 ~~receive licensure, all privileges under this section shall~~
2 ~~automatically cease upon written notification sent to the~~
3 ~~applicant by the board. A temporary license shall be issued~~
4 ~~only once to each person.~~

5 ~~(e) Prior to practicing under temporary licensure, holders~~
6 ~~of temporary licenses shall notify the board in writing of any~~
7 ~~and all supervising physicians or osteopathic physicians under~~
8 ~~whom they will be performing services.~~

9 ~~(f) The board shall establish the degree of supervision~~
10 ~~required by the supervising physician or osteopathic physician~~
11 ~~when a physician assistant performs a service within the~~
12 ~~practice of medicine. A physician or osteopathic physician who~~
13 ~~does not supervise a physician assistant's services at the~~
14 ~~degree required by the board shall be deemed to have engaged in~~
15 ~~professional misconduct.~~

16 ~~(g)]~~ (d) Any license of a physician assistant may be
17 denied, not renewed, revoked, limited, or suspended under
18 section 453-8.

19 ~~[-(h)]~~ (e) The board shall establish the application
20 procedure, medical educational and training standards,



1 examination requirement, if any, [~~and degrees of supervision~~] by
2 rule.

3 ~~[(i)]~~ (f) Every person holding a license under this
4 section shall apply for renewal with the board no later than
5 January 31 of each even-numbered year and pay a renewal fee.
6 Failure to apply for renewal shall constitute a forfeiture of
7 the license that may only be restored upon written application
8 for restoration and payment to the board of a restoration fee.

9 (g) The following shall apply to the license renewal:

10 (1) Proof of the initial National Commission on
11 Certification of Physician Assistants certification
12 shall not be required;

13 (2) Recertification by the National Commission on
14 Certification of Physician Assistants shall not be
15 required; and

16 (3) Forty credit hours of continuing medical education
17 credits within every licensing biennium shall be
18 required.

19 ~~[(j)]~~ (h) A license that has been forfeited [~~for one~~
20 ~~renewal term~~] shall be automatically terminated and cannot be
21 restored. A new application for licensure shall be required.



1 (i) A category of inactive licensure shall be available to
2 physician assistants who are not currently in active practice in
3 the State unrelated to disciplinary action or impairment issues.
4 Notification to reactivate a license that is inactive for less
5 than twenty-four months shall require only written notification
6 to the board.

7 (j) A licensed physician assistant shall conspicuously
8 display on the licensee's clothing a nameplate identifying the
9 physician assistant as a "Physician Assistant-Certified" or "PA-
10 C" and shall wear the nameplate at the licensee's customary
11 place of employment.

12 (k) A licensed physician assistant shall place at the
13 location of employment a conspicuous sign at least five by eight
14 inches stating that the licensed physician assistant's education
15 and a copy of the current collaborative plan are on file with
16 the board or employer, and available for inspection."

17 SECTION 12. Section 453-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "[+] §453-5.5 [+] **Physician assistant; authority to sign**
20 **documents.** Any physician assistant who holds a current [-] and
21 valid[-, and permanent] license to practice medicine pursuant to



1 this chapter, and who [~~is under the supervision of a licensed~~
2 ~~physician or osteopathic physician, shall~~] has a practice
3 agreement with a collaborating physician may have the authority
4 to sign the following documents:

- 5 (1) Certification of psychiatric medical condition of the
6 parents of a child applicant for aid from the
7 temporary assistance for needy families program;
- 8 (2) Evaluation forms for Hansen's disease patients;
- 9 (3) Orders for physical therapy and plans of care;
- 10 (4) Pharmacist orders to assist in monitoring and
11 management of anticoagulation anemia and atrial
12 fibrillation;
- 13 (5) Orders for speech therapy and plans of care;
- 14 (6) Applications for bracelets indicating compassionate
15 care only;
- 16 (7) Admissions applications for foster homes;
- 17 (8) Dietary consultations forms; [~~and~~]
- 18 (9) Medicaid application forms for nursing care facility
19 admission[~~-~~];
- 20 (10) Prescriptions for hospice care;



- 1 (11) Prescriptions for controlled substances in schedules
- 2 II through V and legend drugs;
- 3 (12) Certification of disability for parking for a disabled
- 4 person;
- 5 (13) Workers' compensation claim forms;
- 6 (14) No fault insurance claim forms;
- 7 (15) Prescriptions for diabetic shoes and other diabetic
- 8 devices;
- 9 (16) Prescriptions for durable medical equipment;
- 10 (17) Physician order for life-sustaining treatment;
- 11 (18) Jones Act claim forms;
- 12 (19) Advanced directives; and
- 13 (20) Death certificates."

14 SECTION 13. Section 453-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 15 amended by amending its title to read as follows:

16 "§453-6 [Fees,] Physician; fees; expenses."

17 SECTION 14. Section 453-7.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

19 "(a) The department of commerce and consumer affairs shall
 20 review each complaint, inquiry, and information, as applicable,
 21 received under sections 92-17, 329-44, 453-8.7, 663-1.7, and



1 671-5. The department shall investigate the complaint, inquiry,
2 or information if it appears that the physician [~~or~~],
3 osteopathic physician, or physician assistant who is the subject
4 of the complaint, inquiry, or information has violated this
5 chapter. If the department determines that the physician [~~or~~],
6 osteopathic physician, or physician assistant has violated this
7 chapter, the department shall present the results of its
8 investigation to the Hawaii medical board for appropriate
9 disciplinary proceedings."

10 SECTION 15. Section 453-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,
13 any license to practice medicine and surgery may be revoked,
14 limited, or suspended by the board at any time in a proceeding
15 before the board, or may be denied, for any cause authorized by
16 law, including but not limited to the following:

- 17 (1) Procuring, or aiding or abetting in procuring, a
18 criminal abortion;
- 19 (2) Employing any person to solicit patients for one's
20 self;



- 1 (3) Engaging in false, fraudulent, or deceptive
2 advertising, including but not limited to:
- 3 (A) Making excessive claims of expertise in one or
4 more medical specialty fields;
- 5 (B) Assuring a permanent cure for an incurable
6 disease; or
- 7 (C) Making any untruthful and improbable statement in
8 advertising one's medical or surgical practice or
9 business;
- 10 (4) Being habituated to the excessive use of drugs or
11 alcohol; or being addicted to, dependent on, or a
12 habitual user of a narcotic, barbiturate, amphetamine,
13 hallucinogen, or other drug having similar effects;
- 14 (5) Practicing medicine while the ability to practice is
15 impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability, or
16 mental instability;
- 17 (6) Procuring a license through fraud, misrepresentation,
18 or deceit, or knowingly permitting an unlicensed
19 person to perform activities requiring a license;



- 1 (7) Professional misconduct, hazardous negligence causing
- 2 bodily injury to another, or manifest incapacity in
- 3 the practice of medicine or surgery;
- 4 (8) Practicing with an unlicensed physician or physician
- 5 assistant, or aiding or abetting these unlicensed
- 6 persons to engage in the practice of medicine;
- 7 (9) Abandoning a patient;
- 8 (10) Immoral conduct of a medical practitioner in the
- 9 practice of medicine;
- 10 (11) Sexual contact between a medical practitioner and
- 11 patient during the existence of the practitioner-
- 12 patient relationship;
- 13 [~~8~~] (12) Incompetence or multiple instances of negligence,
- 14 including but not limited to the consistent use of
- 15 medical service, which is inappropriate or
- 16 unnecessary;
- 17 (13) Mental incompetence;
- 18 (14) Offering, undertaking, or agreeing to cure or treat a
- 19 disease by a secret method, procedure, treatment, or
- 20 medicine;



1 (15) Providing services to a person who is making a claim
2 as a result of a personal injury, and charging or
3 collecting any amount in excess of the reimbursement
4 to the practitioner by the insurer as a condition of
5 providing or continuing to provide services or
6 treatment;

7 (16) Promotion of the sale of drugs, devices, appliances,
8 goods, or services provided for a patient in a manner
9 that exploits the patient for the financial gain of
10 the medical practitioner;

11 (17) Agreeing with clinical or bioanalytical laboratories
12 to accept payments from these laboratories for
13 individual tests or test series for patients;

14 [~~9~~] (18) Conduct or practice contrary to recognized
15 standards of ethics of the medical profession as
16 adopted by the Hawaii Medical Association, the
17 American Medical Association, the Hawaii Association
18 of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, or the
19 American Osteopathic Association;

20 [~~10~~] (19) Violation of the conditions or limitations upon
21 which a limited or temporary license is issued;



- 1 [~~(11)~~] (20) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary
2 action [~~by~~]:
- 3 (A) By another state or federal agency of a license,
4 certificate, or medical privilege;
- 5 (B) By any medical staff or medical professional
6 association or society of membership in the
7 staff, association, or society; or
- 8 (C) Based on quality of care provided;
- 9 [~~(12)~~] (21) Conviction, whether by nolo contendere or
10 otherwise, of a penal offense [~~substantially~~]:
- 11 (A) Substantially related to the qualifications,
12 functions, or duties of a physician, [~~or~~]
13 osteopathic physician, or physician assistant
14 notwithstanding any statutory provision to the
15 contrary;
- 16 (B) Involving moral turpitude;
- 17 (C) Graded as a felony; or
- 18 (D) Arising out of the practice of medicine;
- 19 (22) Any adverse judgment, settlement, or award arising
20 from a medical liability claim related to acts or



- 1 conduct that would constitute grounds for action as
2 stated in this chapter;
- 3 (23) Medical malpractice;
- 4 ~~[(13)]~~ (24) Violation of chapter 329, the uniform controlled
5 substances act, or any rule adopted thereunder except
6 as provided in section 329-122;
- 7 ~~[(14)]~~ (25) Failure to report to the board, in writing, any
8 disciplinary decision issued against the licensee or
9 the applicant in another jurisdiction within thirty
10 days after the disciplinary decision is issued; ~~[or]~~
- 11 (26) Failure to furnish to the board, administrator,
12 investigator, or representatives information legally
13 requested by the board;
- 14 ~~[(15)]~~ (27) Submitting to or filing with the board any
15 notice, statement, or other document required under
16 this chapter, which is false or untrue or contains any
17 material misstatement or omission of fact ~~[-]~~;
- 18 (28) Wilfully making and filing false reports or records;
19 or
- 20 (29) Wilful omission to file or record, or wilfully
21 impeding or obstructing a filing or recording, or



1 inducing another person to omit to file or record
2 medical or other reports as required by law."

3 SECTION 16. Section 453-8.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§453-8.1 Voluntary limitation of license. A physician,
6 osteopathic physician, [~~or~~] surgeon, or physician assistant may
7 request, in writing, that the board limit the individual's
8 license to practice. The board may grant the request and may
9 impose conditions on the limited license. The board shall
10 determine whether and when the limitation shall be removed."

11 SECTION 17. Section 453-8.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

13 "(a) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,
14 in disciplining a licensee in a proceeding held in conformity
15 with chapter 91, the board may impose one or more of the
16 following sanctions:

- 17 (1) Place the licensee on probation, including conditions
18 of probation as requiring observation of the licensee
19 by an appropriate group or society of licensed
20 physicians, osteopathic physicians, [~~or surgeons,~~]
21 surgeons, or physician assistants;



- 1 (2) Suspend the license;
- 2 (3) Revoke the license;
- 3 (4) Limit the license by restricting the fields of
- 4 practice in which the licensee may engage;
- 5 (5) Fine the licensee, including assessment against the
- 6 licensee of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings.
- 7 Any fine imposed by the board after a hearing in
- 8 accordance with chapter 91 shall be not less than \$500
- 9 and not more than \$5,000 for each violation, exclusive
- 10 of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings;
- 11 (6) Require further education or training, or require
- 12 proof of performance competency; or
- 13 (7) Censure or reprimand."

14 SECTION 18. Section 453-8.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§453-8.7 Reporting requirements.** (a) Every physician
 17 [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, surgeon, or physician assistant
 18 licensed pursuant to this chapter who does not possess
 19 professional liability insurance shall report any settlement or
 20 arbitration award of a claim or action for damages for death or
 21 personal injury caused by negligence, error, or omission in



1 practice, or the unauthorized rendering of professional
2 services. The report shall be submitted to the department of
3 commerce and consumer affairs within thirty days after any
4 written settlement agreement has been reduced to writing and
5 signed by all the parties thereto or thirty days after service
6 of the arbitration award on the parties.

7 (b) Failure of a physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician,
8 surgeon, or physician assistant to comply with the provisions of
9 this section is an offense punishable by a fine of not less than
10 \$100 for the first offense, \$250 to \$500 for the second offense,
11 and \$500 to \$1,000 for subsequent offenses.

12 (c) The clerks of the respective courts of this State
13 shall report to the department any judgment or other
14 determination of the court, which adjudges or finds that a
15 physician [~~or~~], osteopathic physician, surgeon, or physician
16 assistant is liable criminally or civilly for any death or
17 personal injury caused by the physician's [~~or~~], osteopathic
18 physician's, surgeon's, or physician assistant's professional
19 negligence, error, or omission in the practice of the
20 physician's [~~or~~], osteopathic physician's, surgeon's, or
21 physician assistant's profession, or rendering of unauthorized



1 professional services. The report shall be submitted to the
2 department within ten days after the judgment is entered by the
3 court.

4 (d) The department shall prescribe forms for the
5 submission of reports required by this section."

6 SECTION 19. Section 453-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§453-10 **Witnesses in such proceeding.** In any proceeding
9 the board may subpoena, administer oaths to, and examine
10 witnesses on any relevant matter in the proceeding. The board
11 may subpoena physicians, osteopathic physicians, [~~oe~~] surgeons,
12 or physician assistants as specialists, on the recommendation of
13 the appropriate specialist society. The board may order a
14 mental, physical, or medical competency examination to determine
15 the capacity or ability of a licensee to continue to practice
16 medicine or surgery and order appropriate specialist societies
17 to conduct examinations. The person whose license is sought in
18 the proceeding to be revoked, limited, or suspended shall be
19 entitled to require the board or any member thereof to subpoena
20 and to administer oaths to any witness who may be able to
21 present evidence relevant in the proceeding, and shall be



1 entitled to examine any witness in the proceeding. The circuit
2 court of the circuit in which the proceeding is held may enforce
3 by proper proceeding the attendance and testimony of witnesses
4 in the proceeding."

5 SECTION 20. Section 453-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "[+]§453-18[+] Pelvic examinations on anesthetized or
8 unconscious female patients. A physician, osteopathic
9 physician, surgeon, physician assistant, or student
10 participating in a course of instruction, residency program, or
11 clinical training program shall not perform a pelvic examination
12 on an anesthetized or unconscious female patient unless:

- 13 (1) The patient gives prior verbal or written informed
14 consent to the pelvic examination;
- 15 (2) The performance of a pelvic examination is within the
16 scope of care for the surgical procedure or diagnostic
17 examination scheduled to be performed on the patient;
18 or
- 19 (3) The patient is unconscious and the pelvic examination
20 is required for diagnostic purposes."

21 PART III



1 SECTION 21. Section 291-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "certificate of
3 disability" to read as follows:

4 "Certificate of disability" means a medical statement
5 issued by a licensed practicing physician [øæ], advanced
6 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant which verifies
7 that a person is disabled, limited, or impaired in the ability
8 to walk."

9 SECTION 22. Section 291-51.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "§291-51.4 Fraudulent verification of an applicant as a
12 person with a disability; penalty. A physician [øæ], advanced
13 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who
14 fraudulently verifies that an applicant is a person with a
15 disability to enable the person to represent to the issuing
16 agency that the person is qualified to obtain a removable
17 windshield placard, temporary removable windshield placard, or
18 special license plates shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.
19 Each fraudulent verification shall constitute a separate
20 offense."



1 SECTION 23. Section 329-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "physician assistant" to
3 read as follows:

4 "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under section
5 453-5.3, who is registered under this chapter to administer,
6 prescribe, or dispense a controlled substance [~~under the~~
7 ~~authority and supervision of a physician registered under~~
8 ~~section 329-33,]~~ but who is not authorized to request, receive,
9 or sign for professional controlled substance samples."

10 SECTION 24. Section 350-1.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) Notwithstanding any other state law concerning
13 confidentiality to the contrary, the following persons who, in
14 their professional or official capacity, have reason to believe
15 that child abuse or neglect has occurred or that there exists a
16 substantial risk that child abuse or neglect may occur in the
17 reasonably foreseeable future, shall immediately report the
18 matter orally to the department or to the police department:

- 19 (1) Any licensed or registered professional of the healing
20 arts or any health-related occupation who examines,
21 attends, treats, or provides other professional or



- 1 specialized services, including but not limited to
2 physicians, including physicians in training,
3 psychologists, physician assistants, dentists, nurses,
4 osteopathic physicians and surgeons, optometrists,
5 chiropractors, podiatrists, pharmacists, and other
6 health-related professionals;
- 7 (2) Employees or officers of any public or private school;
- 8 (3) Employees or officers of any public or private agency
9 or institution, or other individuals, providing
10 social, medical, hospital, or mental health services,
11 including financial assistance;
- 12 (4) Employees or officers of any law enforcement agency,
13 including but not limited to the courts, police
14 departments, department of public safety, correctional
15 institutions, and parole or probation offices;
- 16 (5) Individual providers of child care, or employees or
17 officers of any licensed or registered child care
18 facility, foster home, or similar institution;
- 19 (6) Medical examiners or coroners; and
- 20 (7) Employees of any public or private agency providing
21 recreational or sports activities."



Report Title:

Physician Assistants; Practice of Medicine

Description:

Clarifies the scope and practice of physician assistants in the State. Amends the Hawaii Medical Board membership to include two physician assistants. Expands bases to revoke or suspend a physician or surgeon's license. Makes conforming amendments.
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