

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2020
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 2424, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., and I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports this bill and requests an amendment to the effective date.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the definition of the practice of medicine to provide uniformity of practice for both medical and osteopathic physicians.

This bill brings the definition of the practice of medicine to parity with the current practice of medicine and provides uniformity for medical doctors and osteopathic doctors. As the Committee is aware, the definition of the practice of medicine was last amended in 2008 by adding a separate, distinct definition of the practice of osteopathic. The Board notes that medical doctors and osteopathic doctors receive the same education and training and should thus be treated equally. Further, the Board believes that this definition should be updated because the practice of medicine not only includes the treatment of disease, as the current definition provides, but should also include the prevention of disease for the general health and welfare of the consumers of this state.

Lastly, the Board respectfully requests amending the effective date from July 1, 2050, to "upon approval."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Esther Brown, and I am the Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO). RICO supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the definition of the practice of medicine to provide uniformity of practice for both medical and osteopathic physicians.

RICO notes that in addition to achieving its stated purpose, the bill will foster consistency in enforcement for these professions because the same scope of practice will apply to both.

The measure also expands the scope of practice beyond the treatment of disease and delineates additional services that are now common in the practice of modern medicine, including telehealth, medical imaging, and preventing mental and physical diseases, conditions, injuries, and ailments. Expanding the scope of practice

of medicine beyond merely treating disease will not only assist licensee enforcement by providing tangible grounds for evaluating physician compliance with the licensure laws, but will also enable RICO to better target and enjoin practices and behaviors as potential unlicensed activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Testimony of
Jonathan Ching
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Before:
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
The Honorable Roy M. Takumi, Chair
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

June 24, 2020
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Re: SB2424 SD1 HD1, Relating to the Practice of Medicine

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB2424 SD1 HD1, which clarifies the definition of the practice of medicine to provide uniformity of practice for both medical and osteopathic physicians.

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i SUPPORTS SB2424 SD1 HD1.

Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i is Hawai'i's largest integrated health system that provides care and coverage for approximately 257,000 members. Each day, more than 4,500 dedicated employees and more than 600 Hawai'i Permanente Medical Group physicians and providers come to work at Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i to care for our members at our 21 medical facilities, including Moanalua Medical Center, providing high-quality care for our members and delivering on our commitment to improve the health of the 1.4 million people living in the communities we serve.

As the State of Hawaii's largest multispecialty medical group, the Hawai'i Permanente Medical Group currently views medical and osteopathic physicians as equals in practice. We support SB2424 SD1 HD1 because it provides uniformity of the practice of medicine in Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 453. Furthermore, we agree with the Hawai'i Medical Board that because medical and osteopathic physicians receive the same education and training, they should be treated equally.

We respectfully request the committee PASS SB2424 SD1 HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.



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Rep. Roy Takumi, Chair

Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Date: June 24, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Conf. Room 325

From: Hawaii Medical Association

Elizabeth A. Ignacio, MD, Chair, HMA Legislative Committee

Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

Re: SB 2424 SD1 HD1 - Relating to the Practice of Medicine

Position: SUPPORT

The Hawaii Medical Association supports the continued refining of the definition of elements constituting the practice of medicine.

Thank you for allowing the Hawaii Medical Association to testify on this issue.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Poiani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: