



SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

**S.C.R. NO. 4 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF
THE REGULATION AND LICENSURE OF ASSOCIATE PHYSICIANS**

Hearing: Thursday, March 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

The Office of the Auditor offers the following comments on S.C.R. No. 4, which requests the Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the regulation and licensure of associate physicians. We note that the concurrent resolution does not identify the specific bill to be analyzed, as required by Section 26H-6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). If the relevant measure is Senate Bill No. 61 we offer the following comments.

Section 26H-6, HRS, states "New regulatory measures being considered for enactment that, if enacted, would subject *unregulated professions and vocations* to licensing or other regulatory controls shall be referred to the auditor for analysis." (Emphasis added.) The practice of medicine is currently regulated in Hawai'i and includes different types of licenses, including "physician." We note the Legislature did not require the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis when physician assistants were added as a license type under Chapter 453, HRS, in 1984.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to S.C.R. No. 4.



March 16, 2023

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: SCR 4 – Requesting the Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the regulation and licensure of Associate Physicians.

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) supports SCR 4 – to request the State Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the regulation and licensure of Associate Physicians.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. Your consideration of our comments is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dawn Kurisu", written in a cursive style.

Dawn Kurisu
Assistant Vice President
Community and Government Relations

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, March 16, 2023
10 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.C.R. 4, REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
REGULATION AND LICENSURE OF ASSOCIATE PHYSICIANS**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports this concurrent resolution.

The purposes of this concurrent resolution are to: (1) in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 26H-6, have the auditor conduct a sunrise review of the licensure of associate physicians proposed by S.B. 61; and (2) have the auditor submit a findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024.

The Board supports this concurrent resolution as an alternative to S.B. 61. A sunrise analysis would help identify the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure and allow all parties to address concerns and recommend language to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the consumers of this State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this concurrent resolution.