

Wednesday February 17, 2016 9:00 AM. Capitol Rm. 229

To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Scott McCaffrey, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
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Re: <u>SB 2331 – RELATING TO MEDICINE AND SURGERY</u>

IN SUPPORT

Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association supports SB2331, which serves to codify a practice that has long taken place in Hawaii and elsewhere. This bill allows physicians affiliated with visiting sports teams and events to provide first responder care to those teams for an extremely limited time without having to procure a Hawaii medical license and will not extend to care outside of the playing field.

In that visiting sport physicians will be serving non-Hawaii players and will be barred from interacting within Hawaii medical facilities, the interest and safety of the Hawaii public remains protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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