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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH
Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Scott McCaffrey, MD, President
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Re: SB 2864 – RELATING TO PHYSICIAN DISCIPLINE

IN SUPPORT, WITH COMMENTS

Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association supports SB 2864 and its intent to expedite the identification of discipline issues.

The HMA is fully supportive of quick and decisive action in the event of adverse disciplinary actions taken against physicians in other states. The language of the bill maintains the discretionary and decision-making power of the Board of Medicine rather than proscriptive statutory language. It is especially important that we utilize the Board members experience and expertise in dealing with actions involving physician discipline.

The HMA further recommends the establishment of a mechanism in which the Board may exercise its summary suspension powers within 48 hours of discovery of a significant risk to Hawaii patient safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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