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LATE TESTIMONY

February 26, 2016

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: SB 2864 – Relating to Physician Discipline

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2864, which would authorize the Board of Medical Examiners to take disciplinary action against a physician who has been disciplined by another state or federal agency. HMSA supports this Bill.

The safety of our members is paramount. HMSA holds the credentialed practitioners in our network to the highest standards of quality in the health care and services they provide to our members. The provisions of this legislation will help protect our members and help to ensure our provider network is secured for the best interest of the members.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of HB 2864.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Diesman
Vice President, Government Relations



**THE QUEEN'S
HEALTH SYSTEMS**

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To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Members, Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Leslie Chun, M.D., Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 25, 2016

Hrg: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Hearing; Friday, February 26, 2016 at
10:00am in Room 016

Re: Support for SB 2864, Relating to Physician Discipline

My name is Dr. Leslie Chun, and I am the Vice President of Medical Staff Services and Chief Quality Officer at The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's). I would like to express my **support** for SB 2864, Relating to Physician Discipline. This bill authorizes the Hawaii Medical Board (Board) to impose the same disciplinary action against a licensee as was taken by another state or federal agency.

At Queen's, we take patient safety very seriously. This bill will help to protect the safety of patients in Hawaii by creating a new mechanism by which the Board can discipline physicians who were disciplined by another state or federal agency. During the disciplinary process, the physician will not be allowed to practice in Hawaii and patients will not be at risk of receiving medical treatment from a physician who was seriously disciplined elsewhere.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.