## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chapter 436H, Hawaii

2 Revised Statutes, which establishes a regulatory scheme for

3 athletic trainers, is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2018.

4 The legislature further finds that Auditor Report No. 17-08

recommended that the current registration requirement for

athletic trainers should be extended. Specifically, the

7 Auditor's Report found that:

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8 Athletic trainers are healthcare professionals who 9 provide injury prevention, treatment and assessment of 10 injuries, and rehabilitation of injuries, among other 11 services. Athletic trainers also provide emergency 12 medical care and are involved in concussion monitoring 13 and education. The services that an athletic trainer 14 provides may affect the health and safety of athletes, 15 and the proficiencies required by the current 16 regulatory scheme are reasonably necessary to protect

athletes under an athletic trainer's care;

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| 1  | (2)               | The current regulation of athletic trainers does not    |  |
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| 2  |                   | impose unreasonable restrictions on individuals         |  |
| 3  |                   | entering the profession and does not meaningfully       |  |
| 4  |                   | increase the cost of athletic trainer services; and     |  |
| 5  | (3)               | The public interest requires that the profession of     |  |
| 6  |                   | athletic trainer continue to be regulated and the       |  |
| 7  |                   | program requiring athletic trainers to register with    |  |
| 8  |                   | the department of commerce and consumer affairs be      |  |
| 9  |                   | continued.  |  |
| 10 | The               | legislature additionally finds that the regulation of   |  |
| 11 | athletic          | trainers should be made permanent in the interest of    |  |
| 12 | public he         | alth and safety.  |  |
| 13 | Acco              | rdingly, the purpose of this Act is to make permanent   |  |
| 14 | the regul         | ation of athletic trainers under chapter 436H, Hawaii   |  |
| 15 | Revised Statutes. |   |  |
| 16 | SECT              | ION 2. Section 26H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is       |  |
| 17 | amended t         | o read as follows;                                      |  |
| 18 | "§26              | H-4 Repeal dates for newly enacted professional and     |  |
| 19 | vocationa         | l regulatory programs. (a) Any professional or          |  |
| 20 | vocationa         | l regulatory program enacted after January 1, 1994, and |  |
| 21 | listed in         | this section shall be repealed as specified in this     |  |

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- 1 section. The auditor shall perform an evaluation of the
- 2 program, pursuant to section 26H-5, prior to its repeal date.
- 3 [(b) Chapter 436H (athletic trainers) shall be repealed on
- 4 June 30, 2018.
- 5 (c) (b) Chapter 465D (behavior analysts) shall be
- 6 repealed on June 30, 2021.
- 7 [<del>(d)</del>] (c) Chapter 466L (appraisal management companies)
- 8 shall be repealed on June 30, 2023."
- 9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2018.

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## S.B. NO. 2053 S.D. 1

#### Report Title:

Athletic Trainers; Regulation; Sunset Repeal

#### Description:

Makes permanent the regulation of athletic trainers. (SD1)

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## PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:00 a.m.

### TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2053, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

TO THE HONORABLE TAKASHI OHNO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the Athletic Trainers Program with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2053, S.D.1.

This measure makes permanent the regulation of athletic trainers. S.D. 1 amends this measure by removing language that would have exempted from the regulation of athletic trainers an individual who accompanies an athlete or team of athletes into the State for a temporary period and who does not possess a valid license, registration, or certification from another jurisdiction because that jurisdiction does not regulate athletic trainers.

The Department supports this bill and agrees with Auditor Report No. 17-08, as the current registration requirement for athletic trainers is reasonably necessary to protect the public interest. The Department also agrees that the current regulation of athletic trainers does not impose unreasonable restrictions on individuals entering the profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 2053, S.D.1.

#### Testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association

#### Support for S.B. 2053 SD1

#### Wednesday, March 14, 2018

#### 9:00 AM, Room 429

To: Chair Takashi Ohno and Members of the House Committee on Intrastate Commerce:

My name is Darryl Funai and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Athletic Trainers' Association (HATA) in strong support of S.B. 2053 SD1.

HATA is the professional membership association for Certified Athletic Trainers in our state. Certified Athletic Trainers are health care providers who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses of athletes participating in various athletic events in Hawaii. Athletic Trainers are employed in all Hawaii's public schools, some private schools, colleges, Universities, hospitals, physician offices, clinics, and by the military.

Since its enactment in 2012, The Athletic Trainer Registration Act has been successful in establishing a registration procedure that authenticates qualified athletic trainers and manages complaints. The main success has been to increase the safety for Hawaii athletes and especially the many youth participating in competitive sports. HATA strongly supports making permanent the current registration requirement for athletic trainers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure and please let me know if you have any questions.

<u>SB-2053-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/13/2018 8:46:58 AM

Testimony for IAC on 3/14/2018 9:00:00 AM

| Submitted By  | Organization  | Testifier<br>Position | Present at<br>Hearing |
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| Melodie Aduja | OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i | Support               | No                    |

Comments:









## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

P.O. BOX 2360 HONOLULU, HAWAI`I 96804

> Date: 03/14/2018 Time: 09:00 AM Location: 429

**Committee:** House Intrastate Commerce

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: SB 2053, SD1 RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Makes permanent the regulation of athletic trainers. (SD1)

#### **Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 2053, SD1.

Certified Athletic Health Care Trainers (AHCT) are health care providers who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses of student athletes participating in various athletic events in Hawaii. Since its passage in 2012, the Athletic Trainer Registration Act has been successful in establishing a registration procedure that authenticates qualified athletic trainers and manages complaints in Hawaii. The impetus has been to increase the safety for our high school student athletes who participate in competitive sports by ensuring only qualified and knowledgeable personnel are hired.

As the Department values the positive impact AHCTs have on our student athletes, the Department supports making permanent the current registration requirement for athletic trainers.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2053 SD1.

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