

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**Before the
House Committee on Health
Thursday, March 14, 2019
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 251, S.D. 1, RELATING TO SPORTS MEDICINE**

Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani K. Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board is scheduled to review and discuss this bill at its meeting on March 14, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) provide a limited exemption from State licensure requirements to out-of-state physicians who accompany a sports team to a specific sporting event in Hawaii or are invited to provide services at a national sport training center, event, or competition in Hawaii, if certain conditions are met; and (2) require out-of-state physicians to provide notice to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-251-SD-1

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Representative John M. Mizuno

Chair, Committee on Health

Aloha e Representative Mizuno:

I respectfully submit this testimony in support of SB251 SD1 "Relating to Sports Medicine." My views are personal and do not represent those of my employer, the University of Hawai'i.

As a sports medicine educator at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and practicing sports medicine team physician who has cared for University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and U.S. National Team athletes over the past more than 25 years, I strongly support this legislation. Medical licensure is determined by the individual states, thus, many team

physicians who travel with their respective athletic teams are potentially at risk if they provide medical care to these team members while accompanying these teams to out-of-state events. In my practice, I have been faced with similar challenges as a traveling team physician accompanying my UH Mānoa sports teams to out-of-state games and events and have similarly provided support for visiting team physicians who have traveled with their teams to UH Mānoa hosted sporting events.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this very sensible and overdue bill that will enhance the continuity of health care for our young athletes.

Sincerely,

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