

**Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 2768, RELATING TO SPORTS MEDICINE**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports this bill.

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.

The Board discussed this bill at its meeting on February 13, 2020, and agreed that this measure addresses all of the Board's previous concerns with similar legislation introduced during the 2019 legislative session. The Board believes this bill is, first and foremost, about the safety of the athlete. A team physician who is on the sidelines to examine athletes' injuries immediately after they occur and to provide the necessary aid is most beneficial for the athletes' wellbeing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.