Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

Before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:45 a.m. Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

On the following measure: S.B. 390, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

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

The purpose of this bill is to repeal the sunset date of section 2 of Act 119, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021, making permanent the requirement that the Board issue licenses in four levels of emergency response practice in counties with a population of five hundred thousand or greater and the creation of an additional licensure category for emergency medical technicians 1 who are certified at a higher practice level than emergency medical technicians but do not provide ambulance services.

The Board supports this bill as it will ensure continued access to care to the consumers of this State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.