

A Bill for an Act Relating to Athletic Trainers.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that athletic trainers routinely work with children as young as twelve but are one of the few types of health professionals not regulated in Hawaii. Regulation of athletic trainers would ensure that Hawaii's athletes receive specialized emergency care and appropriate treatment and rehabilitation and meet appropriate criteria before being returned to play and provide a mechanism to report and remedy malpractice and ethical violations, thereby reducing an existing threat of harm to the public.

As Hawaii is one of the few states that does not regulate athletic trainers, there is no entity to which the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., can report disciplinary actions to ensure that appropriate action is taken to protect the public.

The purpose of this Act is to require the auditor to perform a sunrise analysis of the proposed regulation of athletic trainers.

SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding the requirement of a referring concurrent resolution pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the auditor shall analyze the probable effects of a proposed regulatory measure to regulate the profession of athletic trainers in Hawaii and assess whether its enactment is consistent with the policies under section 26H-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The proposed measure to be analyzed shall be S.B. No. 2601, S.D. 1 (2010)¹. The auditor shall analyze, at minimum, the issues entailed in the definition and scope of practice of an athletic trainer, and make recommendations on whether athletic trainers should be regulated.

(b) The auditor shall consider alternatives to the proposed regulation, as appropriate.

(c) The auditor shall submit reports of the analyses requested in section 1(a) and 1(b) of this Act to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011 regular session.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 14, 2010.)

Note

1. Act 108.