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HB 884 HD1 – RELATING TO TRAVELING TEAM PHYSICIANS

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit in support of HB 884 HD1 which proposes to allow a physician who is licensed and in good standing to practice as a physician in another state to be exempt from the licensure requirements of HRS Chapter 453, under certain conditions.

It is our understanding that Hawai'i is one of only a few states that do not already have similar provisions allowing exemptions for physicians visiting in association with sport teams events. The lack of a provision for visiting physicians has the distinct possibility of resulting in teams being hesitant to travel to Hawai'i to compete. HB 884 HD1 would allow teams from other states that compete in Hawai'i to have the support of their medical staff if necessary.

The University of Hawai'i respectfully requests passage of HB 884 HD1. Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.