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HB 884 - RELATING TO TRAVELING TEAM PHYSICIANS

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this joint testimony of the University of Hawai'i's athletic departments at Mānoa and at Hilo in support of HB 884 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. HB 884 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 at Mānoa Athletics Department and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Athletics Department respectfully requests passage of HB 884. Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.