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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senate Bill 1142, Senate Draft 1 – Relating to Physician Assistants

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) is a statewide board with seventeen (17) members appointed by the Governor, thirteen (13) of whom are persons with disabilities or family members. The Board's mission is to advocate and promote full inclusion, independence, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities in society. This testimony represents a position voted upon by the Legislative Committee of the Board.

DCAB offered comments on the original version of Senate Bill 1142 - Relating to Physician Assistants that authorizes physician assistants to sign certain medical certification forms for their patients. Senate Bill 1142, Senate Draft 1 addressed our concerns, so we have no further comments on the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. FLEMING
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Executive Director

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2009

Thursday, February 26, 2009
9:00 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 1142, S.D. 1, RELATING TO PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS.**

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, Relating to Physician Assistants. The purpose of this bill is to authorize physician assistants to sign certain documents; to provide emergency medical care without supervision; to administer immunizations; to prescribe medications for patients suffering from human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome without preauthorization; and to limit liability of physician assistants under good Samaritan laws.

The Hawaii Medical Board ("Board") supports the intent of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill.

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Comments:

I would like to submit this testimony IN STRON SUPPORT OF SB-1142 REGARDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

PAs have been in Hawaii since 1972, they have been providing high quality, cost effective care for all of that time. Yet they have largely been ignored in some essential areas of providing service to our community; they have been left off of a number of lists of providers of care, approved to do a number of important tasks in service to our public. This bill seeks to change that and make PAs as useful to our physicians, our clinics and to our communities as they are in other states.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer supportive testimony.

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