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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that chapter 436H, Hawaii  
2 Revised Statutes, which establishes a regulatory scheme for  
3 athletic trainers, is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2018.

4           The legislature further finds that Auditor Report No. 17-08  
5 recommended that the current registration requirement for  
6 athletic trainers should be extended. Specifically, the  
7 Auditor's Report found that:

8           (1) Athletic trainers are healthcare professionals who  
9           provide injury prevention, treatment and assessment of  
10          injuries, and rehabilitation of injuries, among other  
11          services. Athletic trainers also provide emergency  
12          medical care and are involved in concussion monitoring  
13          and education. The services that an athletic trainer  
14          provides may affect the health and safety of athletes,  
15          and the proficiencies required by the current  
16          regulatory scheme are reasonably necessary to protect  
17          athletes under an athletic trainer's care;



1           (2) The current regulation of athletic trainers does not  
2           impose unreasonable restrictions on individuals  
3           entering the profession and does not meaningfully  
4           increase the cost of athletic trainer services; and

5           (3) The public interest requires that the profession of  
6           athletic trainer continue to be regulated and the  
7           program requiring athletic trainers to register with  
8           the department of commerce and consumer affairs be  
9           continued.

10           The legislature additionally finds that the regulation of  
11           athletic trainers should be made permanent in the interest of  
12           public health and safety.

13           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to make permanent  
14           the regulation of athletic trainers under chapter 436H, Hawaii  
15           Revised Statutes.

16           SECTION 2. Section 26H-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17           amended to read as follows:

18           "**§26H-4 Repeal dates for newly enacted professional and**  
19           **vocational regulatory programs.** (a) Any professional or  
20           vocational regulatory program enacted after January 1, 1994, and  
21           listed in this section shall be repealed as specified in this



1 section. The auditor shall perform an evaluation of the  
2 program, pursuant to section 26H-5, prior to its repeal date.

3 ~~[(b) Chapter 436H (athletic trainers) shall be repealed on~~  
4 ~~June 30, 2018.]~~

5 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) Chapter 465D (behavior analysts) shall be  
6 repealed on June 30, 2021.

7 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Chapter 466L (appraisal management companies)  
8 shall be repealed on June 30, 2023."

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2018.



**Report Title:**

Athletic Trainers; Regulation; Sunset Repeal

**Description:**

Makes permanent the regulation of athletic trainers. (CD1)

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