

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 548 SD1, HD1
A BILL RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL

March 27, 2013

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 548 SD1, HD1.

SB 548 SD1, HD1 will allow for enhanced medical services to neighbor island beneficiaries at Hawaii National Guard armories on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai and Kauai.

The medical and health professionals who will provide these medical services are employed by the U.S. Department of Defense and credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center.

The bill's direct and long term impact will better the health care for these beneficiaries.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 548 SD1, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, March 27, 2013
4:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Danny M. Takanishi, Jr. and I am the Chairperson of the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"). The Board thanks you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

As the scope of exemption has been limited to commissioned medical officers employed by the United States Department of Defense who are credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center, the Board has no objections to this bill.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.



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Conference Room 325

To: COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

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From: Hawaii Medical Association

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Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair

Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: SB 548 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE

Position: Comments

The Hawaii Medical Association does not take a position on this bill at this time, however would like to express the following concerns.

We are unsure, and have not been able to discover, whether the National Guard armories fall under state or federal jurisdiction. If they are under federal jurisdiction then this bill is not needed, as health professionals can practice under any state's licensure in a federal institution. If under state jurisdiction, we feel this bill would set a dangerous precedent in surrendering state control of professional licensure by not requiring a Hawaii license to practice on Hawaii jurisdictional property.

We strongly urge the legislature to address this jurisdictional issue before moving this bill on.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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March 25, 2013

**Testimony in Support of SENATE BILL 548, S.D. 1, H.D.1
Relating to Telemedicine
Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hearing On Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 4:00 P.M.
In Conference Room 325**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), represents more than 3,800 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

S.B. 548 Exempts from licensing requirement to practice medicine in the State any commissioned medical officer employed by the U.S. Department of Defense, who is credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center, while providing direct telemedicine support or services to neighbor island beneficiaries within a Hawaii national guard armory on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai, or Maui. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB548 HD1)

Assuming that your Committee determines with regard to the jurisdictional question that National Guard Armories are under state jurisdiction, this measure is then necessary to ensure that service members seeking medical services at Hawaii National Guard Armories on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai, or Maui can be furnished telemedicine support by fully qualified medical and behavioral health professionals at Tripler Army Medical Center.

VFW Hawaii members appreciate your efforts to extend telemedicine support from health professionals credentialed at Tripler Army Medical Center to service members seeking medical services at Hawaii National Guard Armories on the islands of Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai, or Maui; and urge your Committee to make this measure effective upon its approval by the Governor of Hawaii, not July 1, 2050.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Lawrence M.G. Enomoto

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VFW Hawaii State Legislative Liaison

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From: Carmelaub@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 10:48 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: SB 548

RE: SB 548

The Maui County Veterans Council supports this bill.

Thank You,

Paul Laub
President
Maui County Veterans Council

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted on: 3/25/2013

Testimony for CPC on Mar 27, 2013 16:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hardy Spoehr	Papa Ola Lokahi	Support	No

Comments: Papa Ola Lokahi supports this legislation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Y. Fernandez, Sr.	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Urge your support and passage of SB548. Members of the military, Guard, Reserve, or otherwise, deserve the expertise of the active professional medical personnel from Tripler Army Medical Center.

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From: Dale Wilson [docdale6@gmail.com]
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Aloha!

I am writing in support of Bill SB548 SD1 HD1 (Military; Telemedicine). As a retired army officer who has lived in Mountain View on the Big Island for the past 13 years, this legislation hits close to home. I personally benefited from the skills of military medical practitioners at Schofield Barracks and Tripler Army Medical Center--as a staff sergeant back in the mid-'70s and later as a 100% service-connected, combat-disabled veteran, I can honestly say that passing this bill will ease the minds of those of us both in and out of uniform who require these doctors' services.

Mahalo in advance for your kokua with this measure.

Me ka `oia`i`o,

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Dale E. Wilson, Ph.D.
Major, U.S. Army (Ret.)

He who knows nothing is closer to the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors.

--Thomas Jefferson



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