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Wednesday, March 20, 2013
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Della Au Bellati, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Steven Kemble, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
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Re: SB 548 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE

Position: Comments

Dear Chair Bellati and Vice Chair Morikawa and the House Committee on Health Members:

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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**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 548, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO TELEMEDICINE.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, 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.