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From: Rhode Island Academy of Physician Assistants

Re: H-5303

Position: Opposed

The Honorable Susan Donovan
Chair,
House Committee on Health and Human Services
82 Smith St.
Providence, R.I. 02903

Submitted electronically to: HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on H-5303 which would establish a searchable database of healthcare professionals' complaint histories, accessible to employers.

The RIAPA is opposed to this legislation.

While we fully agree with the intent of this legislation we have several concerns.

The database this would establish within the Department of Health (DOH) already exists, Members of the public can search for individual provider profiles which will contain any adjudicated complaints and details of any sanctions. In addition there is a page on the website that lists all actions taken by the Department and any of the licensing boards within the previous 60 days.

Our major concern with the bill is the requirement that the DOH report all complaints made regardless of whether or not the complaint was ultimately adjudicated and the provider was sanctioned. A reason why the public needs to know about baseless complaints totally escapes us. It potentially could cause confusion and is an violation of the provider's privacy.

We urge the committee to not move this bill to the floor.

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Respectfully,

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