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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 524

April 18, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President:

In a letter dated February 10, 2006, I had requested your immediate consideration and passage of S.B. No. 2339, Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Health (DOH) for the Emergency Medical Services System Branch, to appropriate emergency funding to address deficits in ambulance service contracts and to request an increase in the expenditure ceiling for the emergency medical services special fund in accordance with Section 9, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

I am now requesting to amend Senate Bill No. 2339, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, to add emergency funding in the amount of \$2,356,497 in general funds to pay for Hawaii National Guard helicopter medical transport services. As you know, this critical service was provided by the United States Army, but due to the deployment of the unit, the Hawaii National Guard has provided the service. The cost may appear high but this is the only available alternative for the remainder of FY 06. For FY 07, the United States Army is procuring private air ambulance services which will include the emergency transport of injured civilians on Oahu. The State will reimburse the Army on a per transport basis.

Attached is a proposed C.D. 1 of Senate Bill No. 2339, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, that incorporates the requested additional appropriation requirements for DOH.

The general fund recommendation included in this measure has been made in accordance with the statutorily defined appropriation ceiling for the Executive Branch pursuant to Section 37-92, HRS. Including appropriations made up to and including the regular and special sessions of 2005, the Executive Branch appropriation ceiling for FY 06 has already been exceeded by \$165,665,981 or 3.83 percent. Funding requested in this

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measure for emergency medical transport services will result in the appropriation ceiling for the Executive Branch to now be exceeded in FY 06 by \$9,511,232, or 0.22 percent. This current declaration takes into account additional general fund appropriations authorized for FY 06 in this measure only, and does not include other general fund appropriations for FY 06 that may be authorized for the Executive Branch in other legislation submitted to the Legislature during the regular session of 2006.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. DOH and the Department of Defense will be available to answer any questions you may have on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle", written in a cursive style.

LINDA LINGLE

Attachment

c: Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi

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S.D. 2, H.D. 1

Proposed C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM BRANCH.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the state of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. Although funds were appropriated to the
5 department of health for emergency medical services for the
6 fiscal period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006,
7 a critical funding emergency now exists.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate additional funds
9 for ambulance service contracts and other costs, and helicopter
10 medical transport services.

11 An additional \$7,154,735 in general funds for fiscal
12 year 2005-2006 is required to pay for unexpected ambulance
13 service contract collective bargaining costs, fuel and other
14 ambulance service operating costs, and contract ambulance
15 billing and collection costs. This emergency appropriation is
16 necessary to comply with collective bargaining increases
17 negotiated by ambulance service providers statewide, increases
18 in fuel and other ambulance service operating costs, and

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1 increases in workload in contracted ambulance billing and
2 collection services. In addition, the purpose of this Act is to
3 request an increase in the expenditure ceiling of the emergency
4 medical services special fund due to an increase in costs in
5 contract ambulance services in Maui and Kauai counties.

6 An additional \$2,356,497 in general funds for fiscal
7 year 2005-2006 is required to pay for Hawaii National Guard
8 helicopter medical transport services. This emergency
9 appropriation is necessary to cover costs incurred by the
10 National Guard in providing critical transport services that
11 were previously provided by the United States Army.

12 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the state of Hawaii the sum of \$9,511,232 to the
14 department of health, to be distributed as follows:

15 (1) The sum of \$5,621,552, or so much thereof as may be
16 necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for the city and
17 county of Honolulu for ambulance related services,
18 including general operating expenses, equipment, and
19 supplies;

20 (2) The sum of \$867,531, or so much thereof as may be
21 necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for the county of
22 Hawaii for ambulance related services, including general
23 operating expenses, equipment, and supplies;

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- 1 (3) The sum of \$394,330, or so much thereof as may be
2 necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for the purposes of
3 payment to the American Medical Response-Maui;
- 4 (4) The sum of \$178,976, or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for the purposes of
6 payment to the American Medical Response-Kauai to comply
7 with negotiated collective bargaining agreements, increases
8 in fuel costs, and other ambulance service operating costs;
- 9 (5) The sum of \$92,346, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
10 for fiscal year 2005-2006 for emergency medical system
11 contract ambulance billing and collection costs; and
- 12 (6) The sum of \$2,356,497, or so much thereof as may be
13 necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 for costs incurred by
14 the Hawaii Army National Guard in providing helicopter
15 medical transport services on Oahu.

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the emergency
17 medical services special fund the sum of \$441,721, or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary, for fiscal year 2005-2006 to be
19 used for:

- 20 (1) Increased costs in contract ambulance services for the
21 counties of Maui and Kauai; and
- 22 (2) Payment of the central service assessment and department
23 administrative expenses for fiscal year 2005-2006.