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S.B. NO. 2891

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AMBULANCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that emergency medical
2 services are provided by the State of Hawai'i by means of
3 contracts with the counties.

4 The legislature finds that the Windward Rapid Response Team
5 provides excellent immediate care but cannot transport. When
6 transport is needed for patients cared for by this team, the
7 ambulance located in Kailua must leave its district to respond,
8 assuming it is not already in use. Very often, this means that
9 an ambulance from Waimanalo, Hawaii Kai, or Honolulu is called
10 to assist when the Kailua ambulance is occupied transporting
11 other patients, causing a critical delay in transporting
12 patients.

13 The legislature finds that the Army has announced that
14 MEDEVAC flights will be suspended, further limiting access to
15 emergency care for Windward residents.

16 To address these problems and avoid the hazard to human
17 life and safety which might result from ambulance
18 unavailability, the purpose of this bill is to provide funding



1 for the acquisition of one ambulance by the City and County of
2 Honolulu for use by the Windward Rapid Response Team.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$300,000, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for a
6 grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu for the purchase
7 of one ambulance for the Windward Rapid Response Team.

8 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
9 City and County of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Appropriation; ambulance

Description:

Appropriates funds for the purchase of an ambulance.

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