

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 3, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2187
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2187, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the rural areas of Oahu continue to be provided with rapid emergency medical transport services by:

- (1) Appropriating funds to the Department of Health (DOH) to contract with a government agency or United States military unit to provide intra-island roto-wing emergency aeromedical services for rural Oahu only; and
- (2) Requiring that one additional ground emergency medical services ambulance be provided until the specified intra-island roto-wing aeromedical services are secured.

Hawaii Air Ambulance, Inc., The Queen's Medical Center, Pacific Medical Assets, Inc., and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health and Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu supported the intent of this measure.



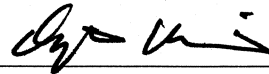
Your Committee has amended this bill by changing:

- (1) The appropriation amount to \$1; and
- (2) The effective date from July 1, 2006, to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2187, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2187, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



