

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2339
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2339, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM BRANCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to meet unexpected increases in ambulance service costs by appropriating:

- (1) \$7,154,735 for fiscal year 2005-2006 from the general fund to pay for ambulance service contracts and general operating costs for supplies and equipment, including negotiated collective bargaining costs; and
- (2) \$441,721 from the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund (Special Fund) for contract ambulance services for Maui and Kauai counties and other payments and expenses.

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health supported this measure and suggested amendments. The Department of Defense supported this bill with amendments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Reducing the appropriation from the general fund for ambulance service contracts and general operating costs to \$5;
- (2) Reducing the appropriation from the Special Fund for contract ambulance services to \$1; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 2339, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2339, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair

