

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3146
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 Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 3146, S.D. 2, 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 emergency health care is provided to rural Oahu and Island of Hawaii residents by:

- (1) Appropriating an unspecified sum as a grant-in-aid to the Department of Health (DOH) to contract for intra-island only roto-wing aeromedical services for rural Oahu; and
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified sum as a grant-in-aid to the County of Hawaii for dedicated emergency medical service personnel to staff the aeromedical helicopter unit.

The Queen's Medical Center, Pacific Medical Assets Inc., Hawaii County Fire Department, Hawai'i Nurses' Association, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. DOH supported the intent of this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the substantive provisions of:

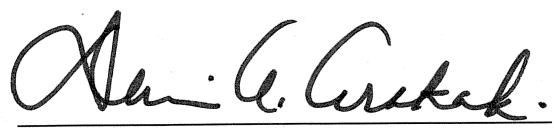
- (1) House Bill No. 2187, H.D. 2, which provides a grant-in-aid to the Director of Health to contract for intra-island roto-wing emergency aeromedical services for rural Oahu only, provided that certain conditions and requirements are met;
- (2) House Bill No. 2526, H.D. 2, which provides a grant-in-aid to the County of Hawaii to staff the aeromedical helicopter unit on the Island of Hawaii;
- (3) House Bill No. 1975, H.D. 1, which appropriates funds for two emergency mobile urgent care units stationed at the Fire Departments of the Ocean View and Volcano communities on the Island of Hawaii;
- (4) House Bill No. 2126, H.D. 2, which appropriates funds to establish an emergency medical services ambulance unit that would provide 16-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week emergency response service to the areas of Lower Mililani, Waipio Gentry, Waikele, Crestview, East Waipahu, Waiawa, and the Pearl City industrial area on Oahu;
- (5) House Bill No. 2884, H.D. 2, which appropriates funds for 24-hour advanced life support ambulance service for the Haiku District on Maui; and
- (6) House Bill No. 2590, H.D. 1, which appropriates funds for emergency services at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

Your Committee has also inserted the effective date of July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3146, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3146, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



