

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

409

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1679
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1679
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure public safety by
enabling Emergency Medical Services providers to respond to
emergencies with the necessary equipment that is safe and
reliable.

Specifically, this measure appropriates funds to the
Department of Health for two fully-equipped ambulance vehicles per
year and two lifepak 12 defibrillators per year for the Emergency
Medical Services on Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Services
Department, and three individuals. The Department of Health
submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee received an estimated appropriation
recommendation in the amount of \$776,000 for the 2007-2009 fiscal
biennium to fund two fully-equipped ambulance vehicles and two
lifepak 12 defibrillators at a cost of \$388,000 per year.

Your Committee finds that the State's Emergency Medical
System needs to be able to respond to the increasing numbers of

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emergencies that are occurring with appropriate, safe, and reliable, equipment. Your Committee further finds that the equipment presently available and used by emergency responders is severely inadequate and unsafe. Your Committee finds that this appropriation is not only necessary, but overdue and imperative to protect the public when emergency situations occur.

Your Committee amended this measure to clarify that the appropriation amount is for two fully-equipped ambulance vehicles per year and two lifepak 12 defibrillators per year.

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. 1679, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1679, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1679	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2-7-0 ⁷ X		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes