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House Committee on Finance

**H.B. 3152, MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH.**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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February 20, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department strongly supports this Administration bill.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Requesting an emergency appropriation of \$1,807,539 in general funds for fiscal
3 year 2007-2008.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The State provides emergency ambulance services for Oahu through
5 contractual arrangement with the City and County of Honolulu. The City and County of Honolulu
6 Emergency Services Department employs personnel represented by United Public Workers, Unit 1 and
7 Unit 10, and Hawaii Government Employees Association Unit 3 and Unit 13 for the collective
8 bargaining of salaries and employee benefits. The purpose of this request is to comply with negotiated
9 collective bargaining increases in fiscal year 2008 and maintain emergency ambulance services to meet
10 the public's need.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:

RE: **HB 3152 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH**

I offer my testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of HB 3152, relating to MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH.

I urge your **approval of HB 3152**. The EMS professionals of the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Medical Services Division are worthy of the raise.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully submitted,

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