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## **House Committee on Health**

## 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. Director of Health

February 6, 2008, 8:00 a.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
- the public's need.
- Thank you for the opportunity to testify.