

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 363  
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 363, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve emergency medical care and ambulance services in the Ewa Beach area.

More specifically, this measure appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the demolition of the Ewa Beach fire station and for the construction of an emergency medical services facility at the same location.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and one individual.

Written comments were submitted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the closure of Hawaii Medical Center hospitals in Ewa Beach and Liliha severely reduced access to emergency medical services for the residents of West Oahu. Your Committee further finds that the location of the Ewa Beach fire station is no longer being used, and its location would be ideal for an additional emergency medical services facility. Accordingly, your Committee finds that demolition of the fire station and construction of a new emergency medical services

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facility would serve the public interest by improving access to critical emergency medical services for West Oahu residents.

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 H.B. No. 363, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



