

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 498  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 498  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week, special emergency medical response vehicle unit to be based in the Maalaea area on Maui, including acquisition of a vehicle, equipment, and personnel costs for twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week staffing by a paramedic trained in advanced life support.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and fifty-two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the population of West and South Maui has significantly increased over the years, which has corresponded with a steady increase of approximately one thousand calls per year for emergency medical services. Your Committee further finds that the population growth and increase in call volume in West and South Maui affect the timely response capabilities of the two ambulances that serve residents in these districts, especially if emergency medical services must respond from an "out-of-district" location. Your Committee also finds that a new special emergency medical response vehicle unit will help reduce death and disability among residents and visitors on the island of Maui by supporting the two existing ambulance units



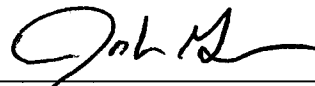
in each of the busiest regions of West and South Maui, as well as by being available to assist Central Maui.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing all references from "paramedic trained in advanced life support" to "state licensed paramedic" at the request of the Department of Health; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 498, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 498, 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,



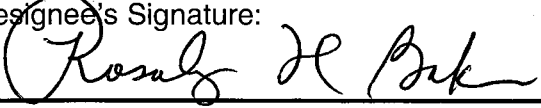
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 498</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH, WAM</b>	Date: <b>1/28/13</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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