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**House Committee on Health**

**H.B. 362, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 8:30 am**

1 **Department's Position:** We support this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely  
2 impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates 1.5 million dollars in FY2014 and FY2015 for pre-hospital  
4 emergency medical services 24 hours a day at Ewa Beach on Oahu.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supported Act 268 of the 2012 Legislature  
6 appropriating one million dollars for a new ambulance unit in Ewa Beach, Oahu. The new unit was  
7 needed to mitigate the closure of Hawaii Medical Center West, and also to serve the growing population  
8 of Ewa and West Oahu. A new Ewa unit was opened this past summer operating out of a temporary  
9 location in Ewa for 16 hours a day. The need for this additional unit in West Oahu is unchanged and  
10 therefore we recommend it become a permanent unit with appropriate funding.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.