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**House Committee on Health**

**S.B. 1254, SD1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE**

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

**Friday, March 15, 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 funds for FY2014 and FY2015 for pre-hospital emergency medical  
4 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.

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March 14, 2013

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, and  
Members of the House Health Committee  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013

**SUBJECT: SB 1254 SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE**

Dear Chair Belatti, and Committee Members,

I am Patricia J. Dukes, Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). I testify in **STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 1254 SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.**

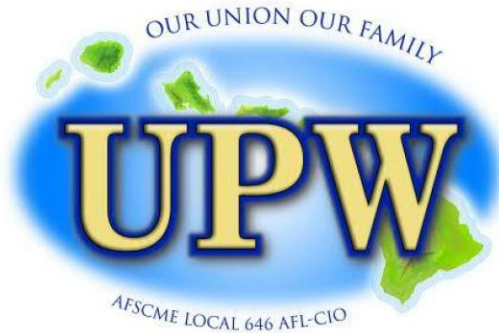
City and County of Honolulu EMS began providing emergency medical care and ambulance services to the communities of the Ewa Plains in July 2012. Since the start of service, the Ewa Beach EMS paramedics have responded to over 1,300 9-1-1 calls for help and in a more timely fashion. Additionally, the surrounding communities of Makakilo, Kapolei, Waipahu, and Waipio benefited from the new Ewa Beach EMS operations because each community's EMS resource was available more often in the respective areas. The funding requested in **SB 1254** enables the Ewa Beach EMS ambulance resource to remain in service for the communities in the Ewa Plains.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 1254 SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.** Please feel free to contact me anytime at 808.781.1522, or pdukes@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia J. Dukes".

Patricia J. Dukes, BS, AS MICT  
Chief of EMS



THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair  
The Honorable Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Friday, March 15, 2013  
TIME OF HEARING: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 329

**TESTIMONY ON SB1254 SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports SB1254 SD1 that appropriates funds to increase the on-call availability of emergency medical services and ambulance services in Ewa Beach. However, we would like to request that the appropriation amount of \$1,500,000 be reinserted and the effective date changed to July 1, 2013.

With the closure of Hawaii Medical Center's hospital in Ewa Beach and Liliha, the residents of West Oahu have been negatively impacted. An expansion of the on-call emergency medical and ambulance services will ensure that residents will have access to critical emergency medical care. We urge the Committee to appropriate the necessary funds in an effort to protect the safety and welfare of residents on the Westside of Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**SB1254**

Submitted on: 3/13/2013

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I support the urgent passage of this bill to provide critical medical and urgent care to those in need in the ewa beach area.