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Representative Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Regular Session of 2013

SUBJECT: SB 1254 SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Dear Chair Luke, 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 2,000 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 SD1** enables the Ewa Beach EMS ambulance resource to remain in service for the communities in the Ewa Plains.

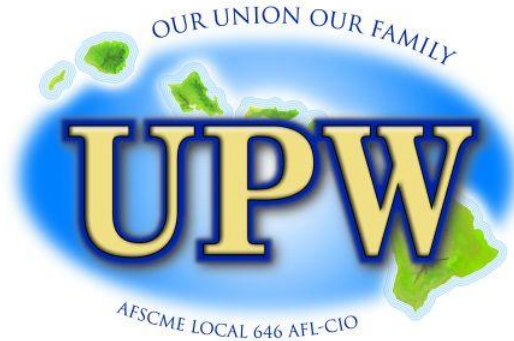
Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 1254 SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.** Please feel free to contact me anytime at 808.781.1522, or pdukes@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia J. Dukes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patricia J. Dukes, BS, AS MICT
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THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Honorable Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
The Honorable Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, April 1, 2013
TIME OF HEARING: 2 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 308

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.