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Representative Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Finance
House of Representatives
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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,

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