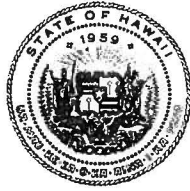


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S.B. 1254, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

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

Friday, February 8, 2013, 1:35 pm

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.

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February 7, 2013

Senator Josh Green, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Health
Senator Will Espero, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs

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

Dear Chair Green, Chair Espero, and Committee Members,

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

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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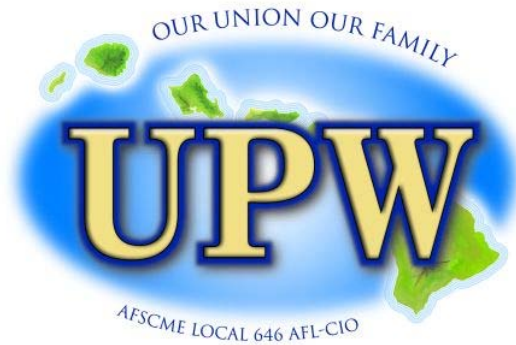
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of S.B. 1254, Relating to Emergency Medical Care. My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC). This measure will provide the Ewa Beach Unit of ambulance services with permanent funding.

The Queen's Health Systems has successfully purchased the former Hawaii Medical Center West hospital. We are planning to re-open as The Queen's Health Systems – West Oahu in 2014. Still, even with the new facility in place, we believe that the growing population will continue to require the increased ambulance services augmented and supported through this measure.

We urge your support for this measure.



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The Honorable Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON HB1254 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 HB 1254 that appropriates funds to increase the on-call availability of emergency medical services and ambulance services in Ewa Beach.

With the closure of Hawaii Medical Center's hospital in Ewa Beach and Liliha, the residents of West Oahu have been negatively impacted. An increase of on-call availability of emergency medical and ambulance services will ensure that residents will have access to critical emergency medical services and more importantly, save lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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christine johnson	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Dear Senators I live in Makaha. It is disturbing to me as a resident of the Leeward coast and former Registered Nurse that Ewa Beach is without adequate emergency room care. Please supply funds to rectify this matter.. thanks so much.. christine johnson

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