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Comments:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

March 15, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329

Commenting in Support of SB 498 SD 2: Relating to Emergency Medical Services.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, a majority of home health agencies and hospices, as well as long term care facilities and other health care organizations. Our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 498 SD 2, which appropriates funds for a special emergency medical response vehicle unit based in Maalaea on Maui.

The population of Maui has grown rapidly in recent years, increasing at about 7% annually, with Maalaea, west Maui, and south Maui experiencing much of the growth. Only two ambulances serve the residents of these districts. The population increase has increased the call volume, which in turn has affected their timely response capabilities. A timely response to a 911 call is critical to ensure the best possible medical outcome.

The last time new emergency medical services ambulance units were added on Maui was in 2004. This bill would fund a special emergency medical response vehicle unit modeled after successful units on Oahu and the mainland. Although it would not be used for patient transport, it would provide advanced life support services to augment the basic services of fire department first responders. It is designed to stabilize patients in the crucial initial stage of injury, illness, or cardiac arrest, and ultimately save lives.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii supports SB 498 SD 2.

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Robert Riebling	Maalaea Community Association	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB498, which would put medical responders in Maalaea. Aside from Maalaea's strategic location at the intersection of the transit corridors between Central, South and West Maui, there is also an urgent need for an SRV in Maalaea itself. In addition to the approximately 1,000 full-time owner-occupants and visitors, many elderly, there is also the harbor with its associated boating activities, the aquarium, restaurants and shops, the Coast Guard Station, Haycraft Beach Park and its adjacent isolated beach (the site of frequent water rescues), all of which often require SRV responses from locations far away, when every minute counts. Please support this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important public safety measure.

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