

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2348
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2348
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish two special emergency medical response vehicle units to be based in the Puna and Makalei areas on the island of Hawaii, including acquisition of vehicles, equipment, and personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical service personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii Fire Department; American Medical Response, Hawaii County; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that there are increasing demands for emergency medical services on the island of Hawaii, particularly in Puna and Makalei. Given the growing volume of 911 requests, total land area of these districts, time to access remote populations, and transport distance to the nearest hospital, the total time to complete a transport can be close to two hours before an ambulance unit becomes available in the district after it is dispatched. Your Committee further finds that emergency medical situations are time sensitive, and rapid response by emergency medical service providers often makes the difference between life and death.




Your Committee notes that the cost to operate an advanced life support ambulance in these districts is approximately \$1,000,000 per year. Your Committee further notes that one of the vehicles that will serve as an advanced life support ambulance will be donated; therefore, only one ambulance will be purchased using the appropriation funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by appropriating funds to establish and fund the operation of two advanced life support ambulances, instead of special emergency medical response vehicle units, and making conforming amendments throughout the measure accordingly.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2348, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2348, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,

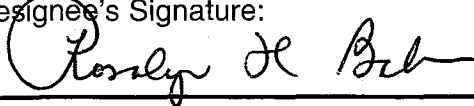


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
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SB2348	HTH, WAM	1-27-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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