

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2267

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2644  
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 Public Safety, Intergovernmental and  
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2644 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE PUNA DISTRICT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to protect the  
public health and safety of Puna residents through the  
appropriation of funds for a grant-in-aid to the Hawaii County  
Fire Department to add an emergency medical services unit equipped  
with advanced life support.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Fire Department of the County of Hawaii; United  
Public Workers AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO; Kalani Oceanside  
Retreat; Puna Community Medical Center; Hawaii Sustainable  
Community Alliance; and fourteen individuals. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that access to primary health care in  
Puna is challenging for the community, since many primary care  
services are as much as thirty miles away for many residents. As  
a result, many of Hawaii County Fire Department's medic units are  
occupied by or diverted to cover the Puna district, at times  
leaving Hilo without adequate emergency medical services. Over  
recent years, there has been an increase in 911 calls from the  
Puna district without a commensurate increase in emergency medical  
services for the district. This measure appropriates funds for a



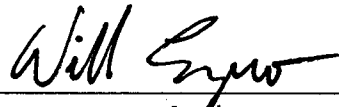
grant-in-aid to the Hawaii County Fire Department to add an advanced life support ambulance/medic unit to serve the Puna district.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the funds appropriated are for an additional advanced life support ambulance/medic unit to serve the Puna district; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2644, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2644, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,



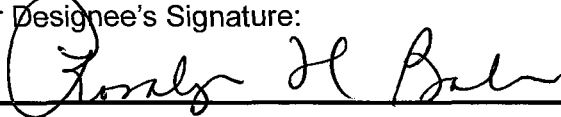
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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2644</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">PSM, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2-6-2014</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh				✓
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	-	-	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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