

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 517

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2013

RE: S.B. No. 498
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 498, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds out of the emergency medical services special fund to establish and fund a Maalaea-based special emergency medical response unit on the island of Maui.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Rural Health Association and the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the population in south and west Maui has grown rapidly in recent years, resulting in a significant increase in calls for emergency medical services. However, there are now only two ambulances that serve the residents of these districts, and it may take over forty-five minutes to reach the hospital if the ambulance is responding from an out-of-district location. Therefore, your Committee finds that funding an additional Maalaea-based special response vehicle will reduce critical response times and improve the chances of a good outcome for injured individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified sum;



- (2) Changing the effective date from July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the matter; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 498, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 498, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. ICE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 498 SDI	Committee Referral: HTH, WAM	Date: 2-14-13		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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