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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY
ON
March 20, 2014

H.C.R. 34

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
WORK WITH THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
AND OTHER RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT THE
HAWAII EMERGENCY RESPONDERS MEMORIAL

Chair Aquino and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit
written testimony on H.C.R. 34.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.C.R. 34 and
will work collaboratively with the Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Association and other
interested parties if Legislative funding, which does not adversely impact the Executive Budget,
is provided to effectuate the purpose of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

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**HCR 34, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND
GENERAL SERVICES TO WORK WITH THE HAWAII EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION AND OTHER RELEVANT
ORGANIZATIONS TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT THE HAWAII EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS MEMORIAL.**

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

Thursday, March 20, 2014, 11:00 am

1 **Department's Position:** Supports

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department supports this measure to build a memorial to honor
4 emergency responders in Hawaii.

5 For approximately ten years, a group of paramedics have attempted to find a site to build a
6 memorial to honor their colleagues who lost their lives in the line-of-duty.

7 We urge you to support this measure to honor the sacrifices of EMS providers on behalf of the
8 community,

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Speedy Bailey	American medical Response	Support	No

Comments:

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David Kingdon, MPH, Paramedic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this resolution, and stand on my previous testimony. Thank you.

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Kathleen Soule	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help support a memorial for Emergency Medical Services professionals that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Mahalo!

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Chris Rose	Individual	Support
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Hawaii EMS Memorial

Why have it?

In the State of Hawaii many EMS personnel have died in the line of duty. People drawn to EMS have many reasons why it draws them in. Like teaching, none are attracted by the money. I think if you took all the reasons and clarified them down you get love for the fellow human being. Compassion outweighs the risk to self. These attributes are what people look up to and continue to strive for ever since we came together in communities. Yet sometimes we feel this lacking in today's societies.

A memorial pays homage to the people who lost their lives helping others. It keeps them present in our memories but it also does more. It reminds us of what we are all capable of being. Inside all of us is the power to help our fellow human being. We have in our hearts great love and purpose. Maya Angelou said "I am capable of what every other human is capable of. This is one of the great lessons of war and life." Memorials remind us of our greater selves and encourage each of us to be conscious of this every day in the memory of those who died helping a stranger.

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Ryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am again voicing my support for HCR 34. However, the language leaves out a very large part of the EMS community. Two of the four counties (four of the six islands) of our State are served by Emergency Medical Service responders that are employed by private companies. They are not city, county, state or federal employees. Furthermore, the states fix wing aeromedical services are all staffed by providers of private companies. There have been line of duty deaths with these providers that would not be recognized according to HCR 34's language. HCR 34's language must include providers employed by private organizations in addition to those employed by government entities.

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Candace Lahm	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to support HCR34 as long as it includes all EMS medics, not just government employed. I have worked for private State contract EMS on Maui for 32 years, and God forbid I should die in the line of duty after serving my community for so long and not be allowed a part in the memorial. Thank you for allowing my input.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
william t watkins jr	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Dear Honorable chairperson and committee members, I strongly support allowing a Hawaii Emergency Responder and Good Samaritan Memorial. The current House version limits the memorial to government workers. In EMS the counties of Maui and Kauai are run by private companies under contract with the State. Fixed wing Air ambulance services are private also. These people are essential parts of our EMS system and should not be left out. The Language in SCR 45 is preferable. Please support emergency responders by a mending HCR 34 to be comparable to SCR 45 and pass it. Thank you for your time. William Watkins (Lin)

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Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

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James J. Gamiao Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As both a private citizen and an emergency care provider for 32 years, I strongly stand in support of HCR 34. To memorialize those that have given so much of their lives and paying the ultimate price to provide even more relief for those in need is a no brainer. PLEASE pass HCR 34 so that the memories of our fallen brothers in sisters will live on forever. Thank you, James J. Gamiao Jr.

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Joshua Musick	Individual	Support	No

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luke nagle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a member of Hawaii's EMS community I support this resolution and look forward to a memorial that would forever remember those emergency responders who have lost their lives serving others, and also that would recognize those who have dedicated their professional lives to this service. Thank You

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james kimmel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please include private provider. thanks,,james kimmel

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