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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH TO
CONVENE AND CHAIR A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR
CERTIFICATIONS, TO ALLEVIATE EMERGENCY SERVICES FROM
RESPONDING TO NON-EMERGENCY CALLS.

1 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Medical
2 Services ran almost ninety thousand calls in 2015; and

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4 WHEREAS, of these calls, many are from repeat callers who
5 call multiple times per day for issues that do not need
6 emergency services, but rather general assistance; and

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8 WHEREAS, as the call volume rises each year and the number
9 of ambulance stations remains the same, it is critical to
10 develop proposals to establish community paramedic services to
11 provide the appropriate services for these repeat callers who
12 would otherwise be using resources that could best serve
13 individuals who need emergency medical services; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chief of the
18 Department of Health Emergency Medical Services and Injury
19 Prevention System Branch is requested to convene and chair a
20 working group to develop a community paramedic program,
21 including educational standards for certifications, to alleviate
22 emergency services from responding to non-emergency calls; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include the
25 following members:

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27 (1) The Director of the City and County of Honolulu
28 Emergency Services Department, or the Director's
29 designee;



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- 2 (2) The Chief of Emergency Medical Services for Honolulu,
- 3 or the Chief's designee;
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- 5 (3) The General Manager of American Medical Response, or
- 6 the General Manager's designee;
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- 8 (4) The Oahu Operations Manager of American Medical
- 9 Response, or the Manager's designee;
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- 11 (5) The Battalion Chief of the Emergency Medical Services
- 12 Federal Fire Department, or the Chief's designee;
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- 14 (6) The Battalion Chief of the Emergency Medical Services
- 15 Hawaii County Fire Department, or the Chief's
- 16 designee;
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- 18 (7) The Dean of Emergency Medical Services at Kapi'olani
- 19 Community College, or the Dean's designee;
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- 21 (8) The Chair of the Department of Emergency Medical
- 22 Services at Kapi'olani Community College, or the
- 23 Chair's designee; and
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- 25 (9) An Instructor of Emergency Medical Services at
- 26 Kapi'olani Community College; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
 29 to report its findings and recommendations, including any
 30 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 31 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of the
 35 Department of Health Emergency Medical Services and Injury
 36 Prevention System Branch, Director of Honolulu Emergency
 37 Services Department, Chief of Emergency Medical Services for
 38 Honolulu, General Manager of American Medical Response, Oahu
 39 Operations Manager of American Medical Response, Battalion Chief
 40 of the Emergency Medical Services Federal Fire Department,
 41 Battalion Chief of the Emergency Medical Services Hawaii County
 42 Fire Department, Dean of Emergency Medical Services at Kapi'olani



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1 Community College, and Chair of the Department of Emergency
2 Medical Services at Kapi'olani Community College.

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