

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3672

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2016

RE: H.C.R. No. 90

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred H.C.R. No. 90 entitled:

"HOUSE 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,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i System; County
of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Fire Department; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the City and County of Honolulu
Emergency Medical Services received almost ninety thousand calls
in 2015. Of these calls, many are from repeat callers who call
multiple times per day for issues that do not need emergency
services, but rather general assistance. Therefore, as the call
volume rises each year and the number of ambulance stations
remains the same, it is critical to develop proposals to establish
community paramedic services to provide the appropriate services

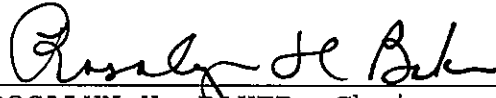
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for these repeat callers who would otherwise be using resources that could best serve individuals who need emergency medical services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 90, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 90	Committee Referral: CPH, WAM	Date: 4-18-16		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes