

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3158

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2016

RE: S.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 S.C.R. No. 90 entitled:

"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,"

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 University of Hawai'i System, American Medical Response,
and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the City and County of Honolulu
Emergency Medical Services ran 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. 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 for these

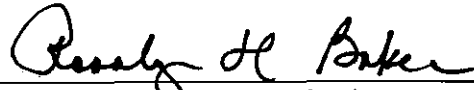
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repeat callers who would otherwise be using resources that could best serve individuals who need emergency medical services.

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 S.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



