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April 1, 2016

**TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO  
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON**

**HB 1874, HD1, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Monday, April 4, 2016  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1874, HD 1, Making an Appropriation for Emergency Medical Services. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Chair of the Kauai County Council.

This measure makes an appropriation for emergency medical services for a 24-hour, 7 days a week rapid response services unit for the County of Kauai. Timely access to life-saving health care is essential for all communities. The availability of ambulances and emergency medical personnel are critical components to making sure patients are transported to hospitals as quickly as possible and greatly improves outcomes. The appropriation provided in this measure will enhance the delivery of emergency medical services and remove some of the barriers to obtaining needed services.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MEL RAPOZO

Council Chair, Kauai County Council

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**April 4, 2016 at 2:00 pm**  
**Conference Room 211**

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson  
Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

**Re: Testimony in Support – HB 1874, HD1**

My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I am writing in **support** of HB 1874, HD1 which makes an appropriation for emergency medical services for a 24 hour, 7 days a week rapid response services unit for the County of Kauai. Timely access to life-saving health care is essential for all communities. The availability of ambulances and emergency medical personnel are critical components to making sure patients are transported to hospitals as quickly as possible and greatly improves outcomes. The appropriation provided in this measure will enhance the delivery of emergency medical services and remove some of the barriers to obtaining needed services.

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To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
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From: Jen Chahanovich  
CEO, Wilcox Memorial Hospital

**Re: Testimony in Support – HB 1874, HD1**

My name is Jen Chahanovich and I am the chief executive officer of Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Founded in 1938, Wilcox Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital dedicated to providing the Kaua'i community with accessible, quality health care. Wilcox is the largest medical facility on Kaua'i and has been recognized as one of the nation's best small hospitals. With 185 physicians on staff, Wilcox Memorial Hospital offers island residents and visitors expert diagnosis and treatment for more than 22 specialties. It is a state-of-the-art acute care facility with a full suite of services including emergency, OB/GYN, pediatrics, cardiology, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, pulmonology, nephrology, orthopedics, neurology, internal medicine and family practice.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

April 2, 2016

To: The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
The Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Re: HB 1874: Relating to EMS

My name is Speedy Bailey and I've been working in EMS for the past (40) yrs. and I am the General Manager for American Medical Response (AMR) in Hawaii.

I am in support of HB 1874. AMR provides 911 response on Kauai, serving residents and visitors with access to high quality pre-hospital emergency care through a contract with Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Branch.

Passage of HB 1874 would add significantly to the level of care to our visitors and residents as well as having faster response time during their emergency needs. Pre-hospital emergency medical response has been increasing and continues to increase due to Kauai's population growth, aging demographic and an increase in the number of households and visitors.

The last time a new emergency medical services ambulance unit was added on Kauai was in 1992, immediately after Hurricane Iniki. There have been no additional rapid response or ambulance units since. It is anticipated that Kauai's population demographic will change and include an aging population over the next few years. This increase demand for services requires additional resources.

The North Shore of Kauai is a large district which covers Moloaa, Kilauea, Princeville, Hanalei, Wainiha, and Ke'e Beach Park. Outside the Kilauea Unit, the nearest ambulance station is located Kapaa. The timeline to reach the only acute hospital on Kauai can be forty minutes or more. Similarly, the ambulance unit on the west district covers Eleele, Hanapepe, Kaumakani, Waimea, Kekaha, Polihale Beach Park, and up Kokee State Park. Response and transport times to the only Level 3 trauma center on Kauai may even take longer. If the ambulance that responds to a call for emergency medical service must respond from an out-of-district location, the response time is even longer. The movement of ambulances with patients from their own district creates a domino effect of lack of emergency medical services to other areas. A timely response to an emergency is critical to increase the likelihood of a good outcome for a sick or injured individual.

AMR has been continuously providing optimum EMS services above and beyond the funding it receives from the State. During flashflood conditions where Hanalei Bridge is closed, AMR provides additional ambulance unit to cover the Hanalei to Ke'e areas at no cost to the County or State.

A rapid response unit complements and adds to the existing resources that Kauai already has. It will help reduce death and disability among residents and visitors by providing immediate response to what was outlined previously.

I respectfully urge your committee's passage of HB 1874 to appropriate funds to establish a twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week emergency medical services Rapid Response Unit for Kauai.

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|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cody Bonilla | American Medical Response Kauai | Support            | No                 |

Comments: Aloha, I Cody Bonilla am in support of bill HB1874. As an EMS provider for the last 10 years on Kauai, this will be a huge mile stone accomplishment for the community. Currently the five 911 ambulance station strategically placed Island wide could definitely use the help. On any given day, there are ambulance units needing to be utilized outside of their respected districts. Thus, response times become greater. With this Rapid response unit, the community would receive advance life support care faster. This is huge when it comes to advance care in the field. Quicker advance medical interventions saves lives! In 2014 there was 5,175 calls island wide from JAN 2014 to DEC 2014. 454 of those calls were responded from outer district units. Data from November 2015 to February 2016, a 4 month period shows AMR ran 1,782 911 calls. Of those 1,782 calls, 184 calls were done by out of district units. So if we try to project numbers for a November 2015 to November 2016 period time frame(12 months), these would be the numbers. November 2015 – November 2016 = ~5,346 calls Island wide Back up calls out of district for this time period would be ~552 calls. We both know that you will never get exact numbers unless it's happened, and no one knows if they will ever need to call 911 because of an injury or sickness, but data shows the increase in call volume yearly with our aging population, increase full time residents, and our influx of visitors. Kauai has not increased their ambulance fleet since 1992. We are in desperate need to better serve our community. Keep in mind that out of the ~10 percent of back up calls out of district island wide, one of those calls could be your family that may have survived if advance care came seconds sooner! Mahalo for your time. Sincerely, Cody Bonilla

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| Kelly Ching         | Kauai Paramedics Association | Support                   | No                        |

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| Mike Foster         | Kauai Paramedics Association | Support                   | No                        |

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| Byron Vance  | Kauai Paramedics Association | Support            | No                 |

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| Alan J Williams     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please approve this measure, this service is greatly needed on Kauai.

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| Byron Vance         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Curt S. Morimoto    | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: This concept has been working on Maui since 2013. It will support Kauai the same way by saving lives and decreasing critical response time minutes. Please approve and appropriate funds!!

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| David Kingdon, MPH,<br>Paramedic | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: My name is David Kingdon; I am the station supervisor for Maui County EMS' Special Response Vehicle paramedic unit based in Ma'alaea, Maui. With over two years' experience since the legislature prudently approved our paramedic response unit, I can personally attest to the efficacy of a sole practitioner paramedic unit. I am sure that Kauai would see similar benefits. Our unit has markedly reduced advanced life support response times, not just in Ma'alaea itself, but also in busy adjacent districts where patients had previously endured delays when in-district ambulances were unavailable. We have also been a resource for medical incident command at larger incidents, and the flexibility of our unit has allowed for innovative partnerships, most notably with a nearby Coast Guard station. These aspects of our paramedic response unit have literally led to many lives saved. When calls have been of a more minor nature, we have been able to handle those by ourselves, freeing up transport ambulances for more serious cases. While I am not based on Kauai, I am familiar with their island. I know that while their population has been growing, it has been a long time since their EMS system was granted additional resources. Whereas the costs associated with a solo response unit are modest, the benefits of this paramedic asset are substantial. Thank you for your consideration of this wise appropriation.

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### **Re: Testimony in Support – HB 1874, HD1**

Aloha,

I am a current due paying member of the Kauai Paramedic Association and I am in full support of HB 1874.

I believe that providing an Emergency Rapid Response vehicle will greatly enhance 911 services and bring much needed Advanced Medical LIFE SUPPORT and care to areas where the primary ambulance is not readily available secondary to high emergency call volume at any given time.

Rapid Response vehicles, when utilized properly, can help to alleviate the strain on all the emergency resources on Kauai. Using this vehicle to respond lower priority calls, where transport may not be needed allows for the transport unit to be available for those calls where the patient needs urgent transport. We have recently had a few mass casualty incidents on our island that consumed every single ambulance for that one incident. That left the ENTIRE ISLAND OF KAUAI, without an ambulance for advanced pre hospital care. With the advent and implementation of this rapid response unit it would allow that one unit to respond and triage as needed and rotate out the transport units.

It may seem like a rapid response unit, being only one person, and non-transport will not make much of a difference, but it will. If you look at the difference the rapid response units made on Oahu and those on Maui, then you will see how they have helped an already over worked system. With that being said, it also made it very apparent, how desperately they needed another ambulance in those areas, and they got it.

As a resident of Kauai, and one who also works to serve my community, I am in full support of this bill. Myself along with my entire Kelekoma Family of Kauai beg for your consideration and support of this bill.

I appreciate your consideration of this bill and hope for your full support of this much needed asset to our island.

Aloha and Mahalo

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| Jodi Vance          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Jillian wenderlicj  | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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Aloha

My name is Michael Taboniar

I am submitting this letter of testimony in support of HB 1874 HD1

Kauai is a world famous tourist destination with nearly over a million tourist visiting last year a growing resident population and elderly demographic

Currently Kauai's EMS system does its best to deliver timely pre hospital emergency medical response, treatment and transport of all patients needing basic and advance life support services. The care we provide can range from injuries or illnesses that are minor to injuries or illnesses that are life threatening.

Delivery of pre hospital emergency care here on Kauai can at times be a challenge due to the current number of available advanced life support ambulances and the geographic locations of where the emergencies occur. The challenge to deliver timely pre hospital emergency care will only increase.

For example at times when the Medic 22 Kilauea ambulance is out on a call or transporting a patient to Wilcox Emergency Department and there is a call in the Haena / Hanalei / Kilauea / Moloaa District, the Medic 23 Ambulance staged in the Kapaa / Moloaa area with advanced life support capabilities must respond to calls in the Medic 22 district and it may take anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes to get to the scene depending on the location of the call i.e Moloaa versus Haena. This also leaves the Medic 23 district of Wailua/Kapaa/Anahola and Moloa'a District without Advanced Life Support Coverage. This scenario is becoming more frequent.

This situation exists on the south and west side of Kauai as well. At times the Waimea Medic 20 Ambulance and the Koloa Medic 24 ambulance may be out on a call transporting a patient to the Wilcox Emergency Department or to Lihue Airport to meet a Air Ambulance Transport Team, the Medic 21 Lihue Ambulance unit has to respond to calls in the Medic 24 and Medic 20's District. It may take anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes for the Medic 21 Lihue ambulance to get to the scene depending on the location of the call i.e. Koloa / Kalaheo / Hanapepe / Kaumakani / Waimea / Kekaha / Polihale / Koke'e. This also leaves the Medic 21 Ambulance district of East Wailua / Nukoli'i / Hanamaulu / Lihue / Niumalu / Puhī / Haiku without Advanced life Support coverage. This situation is also becoming frequent.

Can you imagine you, your family member or visiting friends having a heart attack, drowning or having a stroke in Haena or Hanalei or Waimea or Kekaha and having to wait 20 to 40 minutes for advanced life support care. This is unacceptable. If measures are not taken to improve our EMS system we increase our risk for situations of a response time delay for delivery of life saving advanced life support care to occur.

I would like to think that all your constituents / tax payers from Haena to Polihale and everywhere in between deserve timely pre hospital advanced life support care. There needs to be a reasonable effort made to improve upon our existing service.

They say everything West of Oahu Island happens on its own time. I believe that the time is now for Kauai.

There is a need on Kauai for a 24 hour, 7 days a week Rapid Response Advanced Life Support Care Vehicle.

Please support and pass HB 1874 HD1

Mahalo Nui

Sincerely

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