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Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR 90

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.

SENATOR JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: Thurs, April 21, 2016 9:00am Room Number: 211

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Costs to support work group unknown.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports HCR90 and recognizes that
- 3 community paramedic services must be both geographically and culturally sensitive to Hawaii's
- 4 needs. The Department shall work collaboratively with the EMS community and stakeholders to
- 5 develop a Hawaii community paramedic program.
- 6 This model could improve access to care for persons in rural and metropolitan areas statewide
- 7 requesting non-emergent care through Hawaii's EMS system.
- 8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

By
John Morton
Vice President for Community Colleges
University of Hawai'i System

HCR 90 – REQUESTING THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM
BRANCH TO CONVENE AND CHAIR A WORKING GROUP EMERGENCY
SERVICES FROM RESPONDING TO NON-EMERGENCY CALLS.

Chair Tokuda, and Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges supports the intent of HCR 90. This measure would convene a working group to develop a community paramedic program, including educational standards for certifications, to alleviate emergency services from responding to non-emergency calls.

The introduction of a community paramedic program will allow paramedics to respond to those individuals who utilize the emergency medical services system (911) as primary access to healthcare. These highly trained paramedics will be able to respond to those individuals, perform initial assessments, physical examinations, obtain past medical histories, and diagnostic examinations within their current scope of practice to evaluate their conditions.

These patients can then be referred to supportive services, such as social services, mental health, or other while reducing the need to transport them to a crowded hospital emergency department. These community paramedics will be able to provide non-emergency care, patient education, and referral services. This will minimize the need for a 911 ambulance, which should only be reserved for true emergencies.

The UH Community Colleges is in concurrence with the intent of HCR 90 and supports its passage. We look forward to continuing our active and committed engagement in these partnerships.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tito Villanueva Ops Manager, Kauai EMS	American Medical Response	Support	No

Comments: Community Paramedicine is valuable to patients in the out-of-hospital setting using mobile resources especially for the chronically ill, the elderly, frequent ambulance users, and the mobility impaired. This service can also be used for patients who need care after normal business hours but not necessarily require emergency room visit. I strongly support the intent of this bill.

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Andy Ancheta, MPH	American Medical Response	Support	No

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Speedy Bailey	American medical Response	Support	Yes

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Kelly Ching	Kauai Paramedics Association	Support	No

Comments: Community paramedic programs have been shown to be integral parts of forward-looking EMS systems. They appreciate the intersection of public health and emergency services. Nationally and internationally, however, the structure and functionality of these programs vary greatly. This working group will ensure that Hawaii develops a community paramedic program that is well-suited to our state and effective in improving health and safety in the community. Thank you for your consideration. Kelly Ching

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Brandon Nerpio	Individual	Support	No

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Byron Vance	Individual	Support	No

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Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Jillian Kelekoma	Individual	Support	No

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John Blatt	Individual	Support	No

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Mike Foster	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Call volume in all districts has risen, and it has been 20 odd years since a new station has opened here. I strongly support this bill as it will be a help to the community. Respectfully Mike Foster MICT 00142

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Bill would allow communities and emergency responders work together to save lives. It'll give people jobs and valuable training that can be useful.

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patti	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This is a valuable asset to our community! !!

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