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Measure Title: RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Report Title: Domestic Violence; Training; Intervention

Description: Requires any state or county agency who employs personnel whose job duties require or may require intervention in a domestic violence situation to provide such employees with a minimum of 15 hours of domestic violence intervention training.

Companion: [HB1901](#)

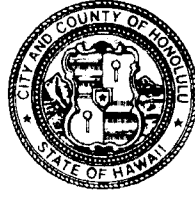
Package: Women's Legislative Caucus

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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Will Espero, Vice-Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2016

Re: SB2321, Relating to Domestic Violence

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Espero and Members:

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department, Emergency Medical Services Division, is in support of the intent of SB2321.

The Emergency Medical Service Division responds to 911 calls for emergencies throughout the island of Oahu. Our paramedics and emergency medical technicians care for people who are hurt and sick in the worst kinds of conditions. We understand the intent of this measure to provide our employees with domestic abuse intervention training. However, it is unclear of the details to require training for emergency medical services personnel.

The primary role of emergency medical services personnel is to properly assess, treat, and transport a patient needing further medical attention. State licensed paramedics and emergency medical technicians are required to complete more than 70 hours of continuing medical education units to maintain all certifications and licenses. Most certification, licenses, and trainings must be completed in a classroom setting, which affects our day-to-day operations and increases our overtime expenses.

Emergency medical services personnel certifications and trainings are primarily focused on medical knowledge and skills. Requiring emergency medical services personnel to fifteen hours of intervention training is excessive when our role and interaction during a domestic violence situation is kept to a minimal.

The Honorable Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Espero, Vice-Chair
February 3, 2016
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We urge this Committee to clarify the frequency of training hours (annual, biennial, etc.), amend the minimum training of fifteen hours to a minimum of two hours and identify the responsible party for providing and updating the county agency with the most recent intervention techniques. With these amendments, the Honolulu Emergency Services Department will fully support SB2321.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian T.T. Santee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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