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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB 298 SD1
Relating to Health**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: Wed., March 25, 2015 8:45 AM Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in fiscal years 2015-
2 2016 and 2016-2017. The measure requests an additional advanced life support ambulance unit
3 including a vehicle, personnel, and equipment to be used during daily peak hours from 8:00 a.m.
4 to 10:00 p.m.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Department respectfully defers to the Governor's Executive
6 Budget request for the Department of Health's appropriations and personnel priorities.

7 The Department recognizes the significant challenges to providing health care and
8 emergency services to the Makalei Community. The Department is projecting a shortfall in
9 general funds to fund the existing ambulance contracts across the state for FY16 and FY17.
10 Funding an additional unit could have a negative impact on existing services.

11 This measure seeks to augment the Hawaii County emergency medical services system
12 for the residents and visitors of the Makalei area. Hawaii County currently operates 16 ground
13 ambulance units on the island of Hawaii. The last unit added was unit 3, Hawaii Ocean View
14 Estates, in fiscal year 2005. Hawaii County has budgeted funds to secure and administer a
15 backup 911 contract with American Medical Response to aid with increased 911 calls.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 298, SD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 8:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Honorable Chair Belatti, Vice-Chair Creagan, and Members of the Committee on Health, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 298, SD1

This measure makes an appropriation for one advanced life support ambulance to be based in Makalei on the island of Hawai'i and to be used from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and to include a vehicle, equipment, and personnel costs.

For many of the residents in Malakei, primary care services can be as many as thirty miles away, thus, emergency medical services have become their access point for health care. Passage of this Bill will provide a new advanced life support ambulance which has the potential of reducing death and disability not only of the residents, but also to visitors to the island of Hawai'i.

The population of Malakei has increased significantly over the years and calls for emergency medical services have increased as well. As stated in this Bill's language, it has become common for medics to have up to ten transports in a twenty-four hour shift. The addition of an advance life support ambulance would help alleviate our concerns of exhaustion, which could lead to traffic accidents, errors in judgment, and the overall safety of medics and residents.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 298, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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March 23, 2015

House Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti

Email: repbelatti@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Subject: Testimony Supporting SB298, SD1, Relating to an Ambulance for Makalei
Hearing: March 25, 2015, 8:45 a.m., Room 329

Dear Representative:

On behalf of myself and the constituents of Council District 1 in Hamakua, County of Hawai'i, I would like to express our support of SB298, SD1, and submit a brief testimony as follows:

This bill appropriates funds for one advanced life support ambulance to be based in Makalei on the island of Hawaii to be used from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and to include vehicle, equipment, and personnel costs. These funds are vital for the health and safety of our public and are needed for tourism related accidents island-wide.

I strongly support and urge the enactment of SB298, SD1. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie T. Poindexter, Council Member
District 1, Hamakua

VP/sc

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



Darren J. Rosario
Fire Chief

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March 23, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
Committee on Health
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Belatti:

Subject: SB 298, RELATING TO HEALTH
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Time/Place of Hearing: 8:45 a.m.

I am Darren J. Rosario, Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports SB 298 to make an appropriation for an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance to be based in Makalei on the island of Hawai'i.

The Makalei Fire Station in North Kona was opened in 2013 and houses a Fire Engine and Hazardous Materials Response unit. The Makalei station fills a gap on Highway 190 between the Kailua Fire Station and the Waikoloa Fire Station serving one of the fastest growing districts in the state of Hawai'i with approximately 45,000 residents. Unfortunately this station was never equipped or staffed with an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance to serve the area residents emergency medical response (EMS) needs.

EMS response time significantly impacts the overall delivery time of the patient to definitive treatment at an emergency room. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) which creates standards for Fire Service has determined that an EMS ambulance crew must respond to a scene within eight minutes to ensure optimal delivery of emergency care. According to NFPA 1710: Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments "This requirement is based on experience, expert consensus and science. Many studies note the role of time and the delivery of early defibrillation in patient survival due to heart attacks and cardiac arrest, which are the most time-critical, resource-intensive medical emergency events to which fire departments respond." Trauma, stroke and other cardiac emergencies are also extremely time sensitive and rapid transport to definitive treatment often makes the difference between life and death.



The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
March 23, 2015
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The current EMS response within the Makalei district comes from Medic 7 (8 miles away) out of the Kailua Fire Station, Medic 12 (15 miles away) out of the Keauhou Fire Station and Medic 16 (27 miles away) out of the Waikoloa Fire Station. Medic 7 and 12 account for 17% of the EMS calls in the County of Hawai'i and in the best circumstances will manage a response time of 8-15 minutes to the district of North Kona; if neither of these units is available the response time from Medic 16 in Waikoloa Village is approximately 25-30 minutes. To compound this the approximate transport time from North Kona to Kona Community Hospital is 25-30 minutes. With that being said, patients treated and transported within the North Kona district are at a disadvantage due to response and transport times and based on this, overall patient outcomes suffer.

This request is presented to meet the ever-increasing demands for Emergency Medical Services on Hawai'i Island specific to North Kona so that we can maintain a high level of EMS delivery to the community as its needs change.

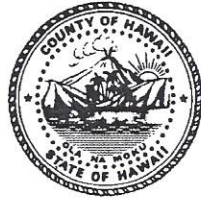
Please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-932-2903 or fire@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



DARREN J. ROSARIO
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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
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March 23, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Health

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of Senate Bill No. 298 SD1, which would appropriate funds to establish an advanced life support ambulance to be based in Makalei, including through acquiring a vehicle and equipment and funding personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel.

Access to health care has always been a challenge for residents of Makalei. With primary care services as far as thirty miles away, it has become common for medics to have up to ten transports in a twenty four hour shift. Over exhausting emergency personnel.

An additional advanced life support ambulance will assist the efforts of responding to 911 calls in a timely manner which ultimately increases the likelihood of successful outcomes for injured or sick individuals. I strongly recommend the passage of this measure, so we can continue to better serve our residents.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to submit testimony in support.

Sincerely,

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Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

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From: Ilagan, Greggor <Greggor.Ilagan@hawaiicounty.gov>
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Aloha,

On behalf of the Hawai'i County Council, I would like to submit the attached resolution in support of SB 298.

Sincerely,

Greggor Ilagan, Council Member
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COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I



STATE OF HAWAI‘I

RESOLUTION NO. 79 15

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAI‘I STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR AN ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE IN MAKALEI, AS PROVIDED IN SENATE BILL NO. 298 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 481.

WHEREAS, the Makalei Fire Station in North Kona has been operating on Highway 190 since 2013 to serve a fast-growing district of about 45,000 people, but it is not equipped or staffed with an advanced life support ambulance; and

WHEREAS, without an advanced life support ambulance at Makalei Fire Station, depending on the availability of nearby ambulances, response times in the area range from 8 minutes in the best circumstances to 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS, an advanced life support ambulance at Makalei will reduce the time for emergency medical service personnel to respond to emergencies involving residents and visitors on Hawai‘i Island; and

WHEREAS, the continued lack of an advanced life support ambulance at Makalei reduces the ability of emergency medical service personnel to respond to life-threatening incidents in a timely manner; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that the Legislature is urged to support funding for an advanced life support ambulance in Makalei, as provided in Senate Bill No. 298 and House Bill No. 481.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council supports all efforts by the Legislature to improve access to emergency health care for residents and visitors on Hawai‘i Island.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Senator Josh Green, the Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, the Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, the Honorable Representative Sylvia J. Luke, and the Director of the Department of Health.

Dated at Kona, Hawai'i, this 18th day of February, 2015.

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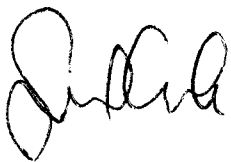


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COUNTY COUNCIL
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I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on February 18, 2015.

ATTEST:





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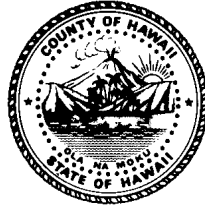
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Mach 23, 2015

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Health

Dear Chair Green and Committee Members,

I support my testimony in strong support of Senate Bill No. 298 SD1, which would appropriate funds for an advanced life support ambulance to be based in Makalei, North Kona. This acquisition for a vehicle, equipment, and funding personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical service personnel is greatly needed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents in North Kona.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter and I look forward to your favorable consideration.

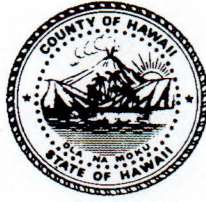
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GREGGOR ILAGAN

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March 24, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Health

Dear Chair Belatti and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 298 SD1, and for your continued support for critical access to health care in North Kona.

This is a companion to House Bill 481, which your committee heard earlier in the session. As you know, HB 481 provides funding for an advanced life support ambulance to be based at Makalei and to be used between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Having an advanced life support ambulance based at Makalei will cut the current lengthy and unacceptable response time to emergencies in this area and will provide support and relief to the emergency medical service personnel currently operating in West Hawai'i.

The Hawai'i County Council supported funding for this ambulance by the unanimous approval of Resolution 79-15.

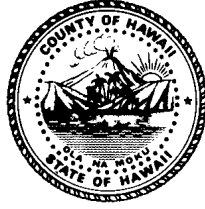
Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Greggor Ilagan
Council Member

Karen Eoff
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March 23, 2015

House Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair

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DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
TIME: 8:45 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329

Re: Testimony Supporting SB298, Relating To Health

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan and House Committee Members:

On behalf of myself and the constituents of Council District 8 in North Kona, I am writing this letter to you today in strong support of SB298.

This bill will provide an appropriation for an advanced life support ambulance, a vehicle, equipment and personnel costs to be based at the Makalei Fire Station, in North Kona.

Residents of the entire area of North Kona, to Pu 'uanahulu, both mauka and Makai, as well as visitors staying in our resort areas will benefit greatly. The population has increased significantly in this area over the years, and with it an increase in calls for emergency medical services.

The new Makalei Fire Station needs to be equipped to serve this growing population, and I strongly urge the enactment of SB298.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

KAREN EOFF, Council Member
District 8, North Kona



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REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

March 25, 2015

Committee on Health

Testimony by
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

S.B. 298 SD1 Relating to Health
S.B. 1016 SD1 Relating to Health

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, AFL-CIO. HFFA represents approximately 2,100 active-duty professional fire fighters throughout the State with more than 345 HFFA members serving the County of Hawaii Fire Department, the only fire-based EMS service among the four County fire departments and State Airport Rescue Fire Fighters.

HFFA **strongly supports** **S.B. 298 SD1** and **S. B. 1016 SD1** as Hawai'i Island has experienced a number of factors that justifiably warrants the need for additional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units, including a population growth; impending destruction of Highway 130 due to the still-active June 27th lava flow; and the sheer land mass of the island.

Access to primary and acute medical care within these areas has been chronically challenging as services are currently as much as 30 miles away for many residents. The volume of EMS calls have slowly increased each year without a correlated increase in EMS services to the areas, and with the projected population growth, this will no doubt continue to impact our ability to deliver high quality EMS services to residents. Given the current circumstances, the outcomes of patients who have an injury or illness in which their treatment is time sensitive, the odds are stacked against them.

The requests presented in both S.B. 298 HD1 and S.B. 1016 SD1 are to aid in meeting the ever-increasing demands for Emergency Medical Services on Hawai'i Island specific to Makalei and Puna, respectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and HFFA respectfully requests favorable consideration on these measures.

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SB298

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sandy CALDWELL	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Frank Sayre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB298. North Kona is one of the fastest growing areas in the state. Currently there is one ambulance in Kailua town and it is impossible for it to respond to calls in the Kaloko, Kalaoa, Palisades or Makalei area in the 8 minutes allowed by the National Fire Safety standards. If it is out on another call, the back up ambulances are in Keahou or South Kohala which are 12 and 17 miles distant. This leaves the state open to liability if there are bad outcomes because of time delays.

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Laura Mallery-Sayre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the Daniel Sayre Memorial Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) public foundation whose mission it is to provide fire, emergency, and rescue equipment and supplies to the Hawaii County Fire Department, or necessary funding for the purchase of said equipment and supplies and related training in the use of such equipment; and to educate the public regarding ocean and fire safety, I speak in support of SB 298. The Makalei Fire Station in North Kona was opened in 2013 and houses a Fire Engine and Hazardous Ma terials Response unit. The Makalei station fills a gap on Hwy 190 between the Kailua Fire Station and the Waikoloa Fire Station serving one of the fastest growing districts in the state of Hawaii with approximately 45,000 residents. Unfortunately this station was never equipped or staffed with an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance to serve the area residents emergency medical response (EMS) needs. EMS response time significantly impacts the overall delivery time of the patient to definitive treatment at an emergency room. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) which creates standards for Fire Service has determined that an EMS ambulance crew must respond to a scene within eight minutes to ensure optimal delivery of emergency care. According to NFPA 1710: Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments "This requirement is based on experience, expert consensus and science. Many studies note the role of time and the delivery of early defibrillation in patient survival due to heart attacks and cardiac arrest, which are the most time-critical, resource-intensive medical emergency events to which fire departments respond." Trauma, stroke and other cardiac emergencies are also extremely time sensitive and rapid transport to definitive treatment often makes the difference between life and death. The current EMS response within the Makalei district comes from Medic 7 (8 miles away) out of the Kailua Fire Station, Medic 12 (15 miles away) out of the Keauhou Fire Station and Medic 16 (27 miles away) out of the Waikoloa Fire Station. Medic 7 and 12 account for 17% of the EMS calls in the County of Hawaii and in the best circumstances will manage a response time of 8-15 minutes to the district of North Kona; if neither of these units is available the response time from Medic 16 in Waikoloa Village is approximately 25-30 minutes. To compound this the approximate transport time from North Kona to Kona Community Hospital is 25-30 minutes. With that being said, patients treated and transported within the North Kona district are at a disadvantage due to response and transport times and based on this, overall patient outcomes suffer. This request is presented to meet the ever-increasing demands for Emergency Medical Services on Hawaii Island specific to North Kona so that we can maintain a high level of EMS delivery to the community as its needs change. I urge the Senate and the House of Representatives to support SB 298 so that more

lives will be saved on Hawaii Island.

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Testimony in support of Senate Bill 298 SD1

28th Hawaii State Legislature House of Representative Committee on Health

Aloha Honorable Chair, Della Au Bellati, Vice Chair Richard Creagan and fellow committee members

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit the following testimony. I am in favor of the above referenced measure whose purpose is to fund a much needed advance life support ambulance in the Makalei District on the island of Hawaii where the distance to the nearest other ambulance service, the rapid rate of increase in the amount of emergency calls requiring such service support the dire need of the life support ambulance and personnel.

I pray you find the funding of this emergency equipment to be based in Makalei essential to the core public safety duties of our government and urge you to vote in favor of this legislation.

Mahalo,

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Daniel K. Paleka Jr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Clothier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to pass SB298.

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March 24, 2015

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Wednesday
8:45 am**

**Re: SB1016- Relating to Puna Ambulance Services
SB298**

Aloha Members of this Committee:

My name is Nancy Sakamoto a 52 year resident of Kailua-Kona and counting, in Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Many of my family and friends live on the east side of the island and we also frequent the Puna, Kalapana and Kapoho area to visit friends and enjoy a family camping trip at a family beach house in the Kapoho Beach lot community. It has always been a concern of mine that if there was ever an accident or need to call for an advanced life support ambulance it could not reach us in time if needed for any of my family or friends while visiting the area.

I also have concern on the amount of accidents that happen along the Mamalahoa Hwy. from the Palani Junction to Waimea. As that is our regular access road to take the Saddle to Hilo, I also am concerned on the response time for ambulances servicing this area as well.

I ask that you support to approve SB1016 and SB298 for Makalei.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Sakamoto', written in a cursive style.

Nancy Sakamoto