

# SB453

Measure Title: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Report Title: HSAC Package; Emergency Medical Services; County of Kauai; County of Hawaii; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds for one ambulance unit each for the County of Kauai and the County of Hawaii, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs.

Companion: [HB313](#)

Package: Hawaii State Association of Counties

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

Introducer(s): KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)



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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB 453**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 8, 2017 9a Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** We appreciate the intent of SB 453, and defer to the Governor's Executive  
2 Budget request for the Department of Health's (DOH) appropriations and personnel  
3 priorities. SB 453 requests an unspecified amount of general funds for fiscal year 2017 - 2018 be  
4 appropriated to the DOH, Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch  
5 (EMSIPSB) for emergency medical ambulance units to include vehicle, personnel, and  
6 equipment for Kauai and Hawaii counties.

7 **Department Testimony:** The Department recognizes the significant challenges to providing  
8 health care and emergency medical services to the expanding counties of Hawaii and  
9 Kauai. This measure seeks to augment the Hawaii and Kauai County emergency medical  
10 services system for the residents and visitors of both counties. DOH contracts and funds the  
11 Hawaii County Fire Department to operate 15 ground ambulances and one medical helicopter on  
12 the Island of Hawaii. According to US Census figures, between 2010 and July 1, 2015, the  
13 population of Hawaii County increased 6.1% from 185,079 to 196,428. No additional  
14 ambulances have been authorized for Hawaii County since 2005.

15 Similarly, EMSIPSB contracts with American Medical Response (AMR) to provide 24/7 911  
16 ambulance services for Kauai County. AMR operates five ground ambulances in Kauai County.  
17 According to US Census figures, between 2010 and July 1, 2015, the population grew 6.9% from  
18 67,090 to 71,735. No additional ambulances have been authorized for Kauai County since 1992.

1 The DOH Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Branch meets regularly with all  
2 Hawaii emergency service providers to review Hawaii's 911 response capabilities and system  
3 challenges. The EMS Provider group discusses the current deployment of 911 ambulance  
4 resources statewide and assesses the need for any additional ambulance units to meet the  
5 growing health and safety needs of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Based on these discussions,  
6 the group identified Puna and surrounding areas of Hawaii County and Kauai County as the  
7 highest areas of need.

8 These priorities were confirmed by examining Hawaii and Kauai County ambulance response  
9 time data from the DOH pre-hospital EMS database. The mandated DOH contracted response  
10 time for Puna and the surrounding area located in Hawaii County is 20 minutes or less. A review  
11 of EMS data over a 7-year period (2010 – 2016) demonstrated that Puna area response times  
12 exceeded the mandated 20-minute threshold between 16% - 39% of the time. Adding an  
13 additional ambulance unit and personnel resources to this district would improve Hawaii County  
14 response times.

15 The mandated DOH contracted response time for Hanalei and the surrounding area located in  
16 Kauai County is 20 minutes or less. Kauai County response times in Hanalei and environs  
17 exceeded the 20-minute threshold 34% of the time. Adding an additional ambulance unit and  
18 personnel resources to Kauai County would improve response times.

19 The State's investment in 911 ambulance services statewide is approximately \$75 million with  
20 almost \$39 million from billing being returned to the State's General fund in FY 2016. Should  
21 the Legislature wish to increase the Hawaii and Kauai County EMS resources, the requisite  
22 funds needed are estimated to be \$1.5 million per year for each ambulance unit (\$3.0 million  
23 total) with the funds added to the EMSIPSB budget for fiscal year 2017 - 2018 and beyond. We  
24 appreciate the opportunity to testify. Thank you.

25 **Offered Amendments:** None

**Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.**  
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Testimony of Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.  
Before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Health

Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
9:00 A.M.  
Conference Room 229  
State Capitol

**Senate Bill 453 Making an Appropriation for Emergency Medical Services**

Honorable Chair Baker and Members,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 453, Making an Appropriation for Emergency Medical Services for the islands of Kaua'i and Hawai'i.

On behalf of the people of Kaua'i, and with the support of the Kaua'i County Council, the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) and the state Department of Health, I humbly request the favorable support of this committee to fund the purchase of one ambulance unit for the County of Hawai'i and the County of Kaua'i.

Kaua'i has a resident population that continues to age and grow, and we have also seen a steady growth in the number of visitors we host each year. This rise in our population has led to an increased need for life-saving medical services on our island. Without adequate Emergency Medical Services, we put a strain on our limited rescue personnel and equipment, and add to our emergency responders' critical response time.

The additional ambulance unit is necessary to protect the health and well-being of our residents and visitors and I ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Bernard P. Carvalho Jr.  
Mayor

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Mayor



**Darren J. Rosario**  
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February 6, 2017

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
415 South Beretania Street  
State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Belatti:

**Subject: SB 453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**  
**Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329**

I am Darren J. Rosario, Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department, County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The HCFD supports SB 453 which appropriates funds for one ambulance unit each for the County of Kauai and the County of Hawai'i, including equipment, supplies and personnel costs.

The district of Puna is approximately 500 square miles with population of 45,326 (2010 census), comparatively Puna is larger than the island of Oahu. Puna has become the fastest growing district in the State of Hawai'i, with a population increase of 44% since 2000. Over the next 15 years the population of Puna is expected to be 75,000.

Kīlauea volcano, one of the most active volcanoes in the world, is located in Puna within the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and has been erupting continuously for over 30 years. Kīlauea volcano has had a tremendous impact on Puna and the island as a whole, releasing 2000 metric tons of sulfur dioxide daily and producing continuous lava flows that periodically threaten populated Puna communities. On the upside, Kīlauea volcano has become one of the top attractions in the State of Hawai'i, drawing an estimated 2 million annual visitors.

Because of the geographic, economic and transportation challenges of the Puna district, the Hawai'i Fire Department's (HFD) emergency medical services (EMS) has become the access point for health care to many residents and visitors of Puna. The progressive increase in population has led to a 32% increase in 911 EMS calls over the past 5 years and the district of Puna alone is responsible for 28% of all 911 EMS calls island wide.

Recent analysis of HFD data shows that there have been approximately four hundred seventy-six (476) EMS incidents per month in the district of Puna. Due to long response and transport times, an entire call may take 2 hours or more. It has become common for paramedics to have ten (10)



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transports or more in a twenty-four-hour shift, equating to a potential of an excess of twenty (20) hours of continuous work within a 24-hour period. The potential for fatigue resulting in errors in judgment, driving, and overall safety are of great concern for personnel and residents.

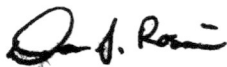
EMS call volume has crept up year by year with no increase in EMS services to the Puna district; with the projected population increase this will no doubt continue and impact HFD's ability to deliver high quality EMS services. This increase in Puna's call volume is also having a collateral impact on two of HFD's busiest ambulances located in Hilo, Medic's 1 and 3 operating out of the Central and Kawai'ani Fire Stations respond to a combined 34 % of all Hawai'i County 911 EMS calls. Medic's 1 and 3 cover the Puna district when the Puna units are unavailable. Since 2007 there has been a 50% increase in responses from Medics 1 and 3 into the Puna District and there are numerous times when the majority of our East Hawai'i ambulances, Medics 1, 3, 5, 10, 19 are all covering calls in the Puna district leaving the most populated area on Hawai'i Island (Hilo) without adequate services.

The Hawai'i Fire Department would like to expand EMS services to the residents of Puna by placing an additional ambulance at the Pahoa Fire Station. This additional ambulance positioned in lower Puna is critical to meet the ever-increasing demands for emergency medical services on Hawai'i Island and crucial to serving the needs of Puna. This additional EMS asset will ensure that HFD can maintain high level of EMS delivery to the community as its needs change. An additional advanced life support ambulance will help reduce death and disability among residents and visitors on the island of Hawai'i; as a timely response to a 911 call is critical to increase the likelihood of successful outcomes for injured or sick individuals. Given the island's significant growth and aging population, an additional advanced life support ambulance is needed and will be cost-effective.

The EMS Agencies throughout the State along with the DOH EMSIPB meet regularly to review the priorities of the State EMS system. After analyzing the statewide data, based on the call volume, population growth, response times and time on task, it has been collaboratively determined that the priority for sustaining and improving the State EMS system is in Kauai and Hawaii County. This is the first time in recent history that all of the EMS Providers throughout the State of Hawaii and the DOH EMSIPB have agreed to consolidate its efforts in supporting one Bill. The HCFD urges you to support SB 453.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2903 or [Darren.Rosario@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:Darren.Rosario@hawaiicounty.gov) should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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February 3, 2017

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Stacy Crivello  
HSAC President 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Hawaii State Association of Counties in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for one ambulance unit each for the County of Kauai and County of Hawaii, including equipment, supplies and personnel costs.

This measure is included in the 2017 Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package. Therefore, I submit this testimony on HSAC's behalf.

HSAC **supports** this measure for the following reasons:

1. This legislation is consistent with the recommended proposal by officials of the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Injury Prevention Branch, during their presentation to HSAC on Sept. 26, 2016. It is consistent with an agreement among provider agencies that Kauai County and Hawaii County are prioritized to receive new ambulances.
2. According to the state EMS department, no funding has been received for new ambulances in the past three years.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yuki Lei Sugimura	Maui County Council	Support	No

Comments:

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February 8, 2017

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

Re: SB 453: Relating to EMS

My name is Speedy Bailey and I am the Regional Director for American Medical Response (AMR) in Hawaii.

I am in strong support of SB 453. AMR provides 911 services on Kauai and Maui County, 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 (EMSIPSB).

Passage of SB 453 would add significantly to the level of care to our visitors and residents as well as having faster response time during their emergency needs. The need for pre-hospital emergency medical response has been increasing and continues to increase due to Hawaii's population growth, aging demographic and an increase in the number of households and visitors.

According to US Census figures, between 2010 and July 1, 2015, the population of Kauai grew 6.9% from 67,090 to 71,735. The last time a new emergency medical services ambulance unit was added on Kauai was in 1992, immediately after Hurricane Iniki. The population for Kauai at that time was ~ 50,000. 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.

Similarly, according to US Census figures, between 2010 and July 1, 2015, the population of Hawaii County increased 6.1% from 185,079 to 196,428. No additional ambulances have been authorized for Hawaii County since 2005.

The DOH Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Branch (EMSIPSB) meet regularly with all of Hawaii's EMS providers to review Hawaii's 911 response capabilities and system challenges. The EMS Provider group discusses the current deployment of 911 ambulance resources statewide and assesses the need for any additional ambulance units to meet the growing health and safety needs of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Based on these discussions, the group identified Kauai and Hawaii County as the areas of highest need.

These priorities were confirmed by examining Hawaii and Kauai County ambulance response time data from the DOH pre-hospital EMS database. The mandated DOH contracted response times for Puna, Hawaii and Hanalei, Kauai respectively is 20 minutes or less. The data demonstrates that over the 7-year period (2010 - 2016) the Puna area response times exceeded the mandated 20 minute threshold between 16% - 39% of the time. Kauai County response times in Hanalei and environs exceeded the 20 minute threshold 34% of the time. Adding additional ambulance units and personnel resources to these districts will improve response times.

These ambulance units will add to the existing resources on Kauai and Hawaii Island and it will help reduce death and disability among residents.

I respectfully urge your committee's passage of SB 453 to appropriate funds to establish a twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week emergency medical services ambulance unit for Kauai and the County of Hawaii.

February 6, 2017

TO:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

FROM: Tito Villanueva  
Kauai EMS Chief  
Operations Manager, American Medical Response—Kauai County

RE: SUPPORT TESTIMONY SB453

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Tito Villanueva. I am the operations manager for American Medical Response- ambulance service provider on Kauai.

I am in agreement and fully support the Emergency Medical Services Provider Group's recommendation for additional ambulance units for Kauai County and the Puna district in Hawaii County. DOH Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Branch confirmed these priorities by examining ambulance response time data from the pre-hospital EMS database.

The last time a new ambulance unit was added on Kauai was in 1992, immediately after Hurricane Iniki. Since then our population has increased significantly. According to US Census figures, between 2010 and 2015, the population of Kauai grew from 67,090 to 71,735- a 6.9% increase. It is anticipated that Kauai's population demographic will change and include an aging population over the next few years. This increased demand for services will require additional resources. A timely response to an emergency is critical to increase the likelihood of a good outcome for a sick or injured individual.

Kauai County Population	Year	Number of residents
Resident population	1990	51,676

De facto population	1990	68,558
Resident population	2015	71,400
De facto population	2015	89,500
Projected resident pop	2025	80,000
Projected de facto pop	2025	99,800
Source: DBEDT <a href="http://hawaiieconomicdata.com/">http://hawaiieconomicdata.com/</a>		

The North Shore of Kauai is a large district which covers Moloaa, Kilauea, Princeville, Hanalei, Wainiha, and Ke'e Beach Park. It takes forty (40) minutes or more to reach the only acute hospital on Kauai. There's one unit in Kilauea that covers the entire district.

Total transport from the Hanalei area (area code 96714 only not including Princeville and Kilauea/Moloa) in a six year period (2010 – 2015) were nine hundred seventeen (917), three hundred nine (309) of these calls took greater than 20 minutes for the ambulance to arrive on scene. Thirty four percent (34) of these calls exceeded the mandated response time of twenty (20) minutes. This is largely due to the greater 120 minute turnaround time in the district.

Additionally, other ambulance units respond from other districts to Hanalei eleven (11) percent of the time.

Similarly, the ambulance unit on the west district covers Eleele, Hanapepe, Kaumakani, Waimea, Kekaha, Polihale Beach Park, and large area of Kokee State Park. Transport times to the only Level 3 Trauma and Stroke center (Wilcox Hospital) 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 from their own district creates a domino effect to other service areas.

Adding an additional ambulance unit and personnel resources to Kauai County will improve response times. This unit will also be a resource for the Hanalei district during flashflood conditions when the Hanalei Bridge is closed. Currently, AMR provides an additional ambulance service for the Hanalei district when access to the area is closed, at no cost to the County or State.

I respectfully urge your committee's passage of SB453 to appropriate funds to establish a twenty-four –hour, seven-days-a-week emergency medical services ambulance unit for Kauai County and the Puna district in Hawaii County.

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Mike Foster	Kauai Paramedics Association	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of adding additional ambulances to Kauai and the Big Island. As of right now the population has increased on Kauai, as well as call volume, with one ambulance covering a large geographical area. It is not uncommon for multiple rigs to be out at any one time with overlapping coverage pulling rigs from other districts, and moving assets to cover 2 or more districts, increasing response times everywhere. This compromises pt care, and is not good for overall pt well being. Thank you Mike Foster MICT 00142

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February 3, 2017

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

**SB 453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES**

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 453, Making An Appropriation for Emergency Medical Services, which is included in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Legislative Package. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Council Chair of the Kaua'i County Council and as Secretary of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC).

This bill is consistent with the recommended proposal that the officials of the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Injury Prevention Branch made during their presentation to HSAC on September 26, 2016. It is also consistent with an agreement among provider agencies that prioritized Kaua'i County and Hawai'i County as areas to receive new ambulances, which will greatly improve the counties' ability to provide critical services for our residents and visitors.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health 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, Kaua'i County Council

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Tiffany Sentani	AMR Kauai Paramedics	Support	No

Comments: I am a current 26 year Paramedic working in the County of Kauai. I have seen the increased demand and need for an additional 911 pre-hospital emergency 24 hour 7 day a week full time staffed ambulance for Kauai. The population and urban development warrant this important resource to best serve the community and visitors. Kauai is a very geographically complex County with rural emergencies and longer transport times to Wilcox Hospital for definitive care. Please pass this bill and fund this valuable resource that saves lives. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Bobby Brinkley and I am an Emergency Medical Technician. I have been working for American Medical Response Kauai for the past 8 years. I am writing today to show my support for SB453. I urge you to consider this proposal and support a new ambulance on the island of Kauai.

In my time as a first responder I have seen our 911 call volume increase and our response time increase with it. We are definitely busier than we used to be. In the course of five years, Kauai's population has risen from 67,090 to 71,735, or 6.9 percent ("The Garden Island," 2016). As a result I feel the demand on our services will only continue to rise as our population grows and ages.

As first responders we face a difficult task to get someone the help they need in a timely manner. It's very hard to do in some parts of our island and currently I feel we are on the verge of putting residents at risk. Please help us with our job and help us continue to provide the quality healthcare service this community deserves. Please vote in favor of SB453. Thank you.

Bobby Brinkley

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Jodi Vance	Individual	Support	No

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Comments: Kuleana.

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Testimony for CPH on Feb 8, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sasha Doorish	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of SB453. Appropriating the funds needed for an additional Ambulance unit for Kauai's increasing population is crucial. Mahalo for your Kokua.

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Barbara Daumiller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill. Kauai is long past due for another ambulance and station. Our population has grown and is positioned to grow rapidly with multiple new housing projects in the works.

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Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Increase in resident & visitor population brings increase in 911 medical emergencies. If there is no increase in EMS resources, it will mean longer response times from existing first responders / EMS. This appropriation saves lives of visitors & residents in these communities on both islands. Please support & approve!!

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Kelly Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident of Kauai, this additional resource is much needed in providing better response times and enhanced healthcare for our community. I fully support this bill and the difference it will make for our community.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**My name is Errol McGowan,**

**I have lived and worked here on Kauai for 9 years. I am a Paramedic here on Kauai as well. I am writing in SUPPORT of Bill SB453**

**I see first hand every single shift how important an additional 911 Ambulance and Station would be for the residence and visitors of Kauai. Due to a large increase in our visitors and increase in population, we stretch our current resources daily. If you are sick or injured on a busy day you may not get Advanced Life Support care for up to an additional ½ or so depending where our 5 units are for the day. On top of running 911, a few of our 911 units also have to provide non emergent transfer services during the evening and day if we do not have a transfer crew. The last time a new emergency medical services ambulance unit was added on Kauai was in 1992, immediately after Hurricane Iniki. 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 time line 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 flash flood 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. I respectfully urge your committee's passage of SB453 to appropriate funds to establish a twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week emergency medical services ambulance for Kauai.**

**Respectfully**

**Errol S. McGowan**