

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 1, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1616  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1616 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for an advanced life support ambulance to be used in Puna on the island of Hawaii during the daily peak hours from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., including the acquisition of a vehicle and equipment and funding for personnel costs.

The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, two Councilmembers of the Hawaii County Council, City and County of Honolulu Emergency Services Department, Chair of the Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Department of Health offered comments.

Your Committee finds that an additional ambulance has not been authorized for Hawaii County since 2005.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to a blank amount; and



- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to facilitate discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1616, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1616, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health & Human  
Services,

  
JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



