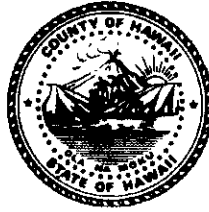


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February 21, 2017

Senator Jill Tokuda  
Ways and Means  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda and members:

**RE: SB 453**

Since SB 453 is on the agenda for decision-making only, I appreciate your allowing this brief written testimony in strong support of this measure.

The fact that HSAC identified ambulance units for Kauai and Hawaii as priority items is an indication of how much these additional services are needed.

While we all recognize that money is tight, we hope you can find a way to fully fund SB 453, a lifesaving initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry Kim".

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## **OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 453

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

#### COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 9:35 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Honorable Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 453.

This measure appropriates funds for one ambulance unit each for the County of Kauai and the County of Hawai'i, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs.

Department of Health (DOH) contracts and funds the Hawai'i County Fire Department to operate 15 ground ambulances and one medical helicopter on the Island of Hawai'i. According to U.S. Census figures, between 2010 and July 1, 2015, the population of Hawai'i County increased 6.1% from 185,079 to 196,428. No additional ambulances have been authorized for Hawai'i County since 2005.

The mandated DOH contracted response time for Puna and the surrounding area is 20 minutes or less. A review of EMS data over a 7-year period (2010-2016) demonstrated that Puna area response times exceed the mandated 20-minute threshold between 16% - 39% of the time. Adding an additional ambulance unit and personnel resources to this district would improve Hawai'i County response times and could be the difference between life and death for residents and visitors.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 453. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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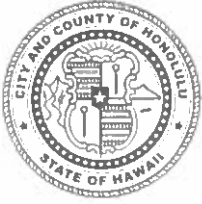
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan L.K. Lee Loy	District 3, Hawai'i County Council	Support	No

Comments: The ambulance vehicles to be funded in this bill will provide public safety and critical life support for underserved areas of our State. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB 453.

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

FROM: Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair  
Honolulu City Council 

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF SB 453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION  
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

HEARING: Thursday, February 23, 2017, 9:35 AM  
Committee Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

I am Testifying in **SUPPORT** OF SB 453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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 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. According to the state EMS department, no funding has been received for new ambulances in the past three years.

I **SUPPORT** the passage of SB 453 and would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION 2017

February 23, 2017

Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony by  
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, ALF-CIO

S. B. 453 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty and 800 retired fire fighters throughout the State with 348 HFFA members serving in the County of Hawaii Fire Department – the only fire-based emergency medical service (EMS) among the four County Fire Departments and State Airport Rescue Fire Fighters – and 142 HFFA members serving in the County of Kauai Fire Department.

On behalf of our members, HFFA **supports** S.B. 453 as both Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i have experienced a number of factors that justifiably warrants the need for the additional EMS units, including the increase in EMS call volume and population growth.

Specific to Hawai'i Island, access to primary and acute medical care within the Makalei and Puna areas has been chronically challenging as services are currently as much as 30 miles away for many residents. The volume of EMS calls have 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 the ability to deliver high quality EMS services to our Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i residents.

The request presented in S.B. 453 would aid HFFA members in not only meeting the increasing demands and needs for emergency medical services on Hawai'i Island but also in co-responses with the private ambulance services on Kaua'i. The passing of the bill positively impacts first responder service to our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and HFFA respectfully requests favorable consideration of this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Robinson	Hawaii Pacific Health	Support	Yes

Comments: Writing in support of SB 453.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tiffany Sentani	AMR Kauai Paramedics	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for allowing this bill to be heard by the Senate Ways and Means committee. I am very passionate about my profession as a Paramedic for the past 26 years and would love for it to continue to provide the best service for the communities in which they serve. As I have been 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 advanced life support ambulance for Kauai. The population and urban development warrant this important resource to best serve the community and visitors. Kauai is very geographically complex county with rural emergencies and longer transport times to Wilcox hospital for definitive care. Please pass this bill and fund the valuable resource that saves lives. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
christopher waite	american medical response	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Christopher Waite , I have been working in the Kauai EMS system for 22 years and have seen a tremendous uptick in 911 call volume. I am in complete support to establish a much needed ambulance station on Kauai. Presently there are 7 County fire stations and only 5 Advanced life support ambulances. Due to the increased call volume we have ambulances responding out of district at an alarming rate , which leads to lengthy response times . By implementing another ambulance this will keep response times at an acceptable level. This is a much needed request and long overdue . Thank you for your time and consideration. Christopher Waite EMT

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Speedy Bailey	American Medical Response	Support	No

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, 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.

# Hawai`i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

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February 21, 2017

TO: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Crivello  
HSAC President

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 23, 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, Hawaii County and Kauai County have the highest areas of need for additional ambulance units to meet the districts' growing health and safety needs.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rise in community populations for visitors & residents equates to greater potential for EMS needs. Limited current resources means DELAYED responses with multiple needs in large districts on Kauai & Puna on the Big Island. Increase in EMS resources minimizes response time minutes to critical medical needs. Please APPROVE!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cody Bonilla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Kauai is in need of a new ambulance station. With this station there would be 6 total for the island of Kauai. Kauai has not expanded their EMS operations since 1992. With growth and increase of population and tourist, this is a no brainer. The safety and emergency healthcare for our people should be number one. With this new ambulance station, a quicker responses, a better support of ALS care, and a healthier Kauai would be achieved. Please pass this bill, It's well worth the monies to be spent!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jillian wenderlich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Jillian Wenderlich and I work for AMR on the island on Kauai. Working on Kauai for the past year and a half, I have seen multiple times where all of our units have been "out" on calls (particularly if there is a mass casualty incident), leaving the community "wide open" and vulnerably for the next emergency. Just yesterday while working at Medic 21 in Lihue, we were transporting a patient to Wilcox, when dispatch informed us that we had another call in our area. Unfortunately, this means that Medic 23 (Kapaa) had to leave their area to come into ours. This means that the entire north shore was covered by one ambulance from Ke'e to Lihue at that moment. Recently, after getting off a particularly busy shift at medic 21 (17 calls in 48 hours), I was coming from Princeville to my house when I can across a two car MVC on Kalihiwai Bridge in my private vehicle. I found out that medic 22 (Kilauea) was out on a call and that medic 23 (Kapaa) and Medic 21 (Lihue) would be responding. With four patients, two possibly serious, 25 minutes is a long time to wait for an ambulance. It is my opinion that for the safety of our community we add another EMS station on the island of Kauai to help us facilitate our growing population and tourist surge. Mahalo for your time.

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Foster	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel that there is a need for better ambulance coverage for the County of Kauai. Our population has grown, call volume has grown, and our out of district responses has increased. Adding another unit would help the people of Kauai, and visitors as well.

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Bobby Brinkley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Bobby Brinkley and I am an Emergency Medical Technician on the Island of Kauai. I am also in support of SB 453 for the following reasons. For one Kauai's population has increased and so has our call volume. As a result we are in desperate need of more 911 coverage across the island. Furthermore, an additional ambulance unit would ensure our response times continue to meet the communities expectations. Please vote in support of SB 453, and help us meet our goal to provide the Emergency Medical Services our friends and families deserve. Thank you.

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Michael Taboniar	Individual	Support	No

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Council Woman Sue Lee Loy	Individual	Support	No

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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017

STATE OF HAWAII

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Making an Appropriation for Emergency Medical Services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the department of health for the purchase of ambulance vehicles and the operational costs, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, for two twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week, ambulance units, to be allocated as follows:

- (1) One unit for the county of Kauai; and
- (2) One unit for the county of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 for two twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week, ambulance units, including the purchase of one ambulance vehicle for each unit and operating costs, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, to be allocated as follows:

- (1) One unit for the county of Kauai; and
- (2) One unit for the county of Hawaii.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Comments: As a paramedic station supervisor and EMS educator in Maui, I am familiar with the emergency health and public safety needs of outer islands. Kauai and Hawaii counties are certainly deserving of this additional funding. Thank you for your consideration.

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