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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE  
STATE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM TO  
IDENTIFY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS AND PROPOSE INITIATIVES TO  
IMPROVE THE SYSTEM.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for  
2 administering and maintaining the State Comprehensive Emergency  
3 Medical Services System by planning, coordinating, and providing  
4 assistance to all public and private entities and agencies  
5 involved in the state system, and ensuring that all emergency  
6 medical services or ambulance services conducted by or under the  
7 authorization of the Department of Health or any county are  
8 consistent with part XVII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes;  
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11           WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services  
12 System provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities,  
13 and equipment, primarily in the pre-hospital setting, for the  
14 effective and coordinated delivery of health care services under  
15 emergency conditions, regardless of whether the emergency  
16 condition occurs as a result of the patient's condition, natural  
17 disasters, or other causes; and

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19           WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services  
20 System provides personnel, personnel training, communications,  
21 emergency transportation, facilities, coordination with  
22 emergency medical and critical care services, coordination and  
23 use of available public safety agencies, promotion of consumer  
24 participation, accessibility to care, mandatory standard medical  
25 recordkeeping, consumer information and education, independent  
26 review and evaluation, disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements,  
27 and other components necessary to meet the purposes of the state  
28 comprehensive system; and

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30           WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for  
31 establishing standards for emergency medical services and for



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1 emergency medical service systems consistent with the State  
2 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System and applicable  
3 federal guidelines for such services, and the regulation of  
4 ambulances within the State, including the certification of  
5 vehicles, equipment, supplies, and communication systems; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
8 Committee is administratively attached to the Department of  
9 Health to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of  
10 Health on all matters relating to the State Comprehensive  
11 Emergency Medical Services System; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in consultation with the State Emergency Medical  
14 Services Advisory Committee, the Department of Health is  
15 responsible for determining the levels of emergency medical  
16 services that are implemented in each county and is authorized  
17 to contract to provide emergency medical services, including  
18 emergency aeromedical services, or any necessary component of a  
19 county emergency services system in accordance with the State  
20 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for  
23 establishing reasonable fees for services rendered to the public  
24 by the Department of Health, any county, or private agency; and  
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26 WHEREAS, to fulfill the duties of the Emergency Medical  
27 Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, it is imperative  
28 that the Department of Health strive to ensure that the State  
29 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System is efficiently  
30 maintained and effectively provides emergency services; now,  
31 therefore,  
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
34 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
35 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is  
36 requested to conduct a study on the State Comprehensive  
37 Emergency Medical Services System to identify issues and  
38 problems and propose initiatives to improve the system; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
41 requested to submit a written report of its findings and  
42 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



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1 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
2 the Regular Session of 2020; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.  
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