
HOUSE 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 XVIII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes; and

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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



1 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
2 establishing standards for emergency medical services and for
3 emergency medical service systems consistent with the State
4 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System and applicable
5 federal guidelines for such services, and the regulation of
6 ambulances within the State, including the certification of
7 vehicles, equipment, supplies, and communication systems; and
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9 WHEREAS, the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory
10 Committee is administratively attached to the Department of
11 Health to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of
12 Health on all matters relating to the State Comprehensive
13 Emergency Medical Services System; and
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15 WHEREAS, in consultation with the State Emergency Medical
16 Services Advisory Committee, the Department of Health is
17 responsible for determining the levels of emergency medical
18 services that are implemented in each county and is authorized
19 to contract to provide emergency medical services, including
20 emergency aeromedical services, or any necessary component of a
21 county emergency services system in accordance with the State
22 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
25 establishing reasonable fees for services rendered to the public
26 by the Department of Health, any county, or private agency; and
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28 WHEREAS, to fulfill the duties of the Emergency Medical
29 Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, it is imperative
30 that the Department of Health strive to ensure that the State
31 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System is efficiently
32 maintained and effectively provides emergency services; and
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34 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 281, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, currently
35 contains provisions requiring the Department of Health to
36 contract with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
37 to perform a study of the State Medical Emergency System; now,
38 therefore,
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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
41 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of



1 2019, that the Department of Health is requested to conduct a
2 study on the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
3 System to identify issues and problems and propose initiatives
4 to improve the system; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
7 requested to submit a written report of its findings and
8 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
9 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be known
13 as "Keo's Resolution"; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
16 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

