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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general  
3 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
4 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and  
5 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
6 2020-2021 to meet the collective bargaining requirements and  
7 recurring personnel costs for service providers contracted to  
8 provide pre-hospital emergency medical services necessary to  
9 maintain the current level of pre-hospital emergency medical  
10 services.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and  
14 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
15 2020-2021 for current expenses incurred as a result of increases  
16 in the costs of goods, supplies, services, and service providers  
17 contracted to provide pre-hospital emergency medical services;



1 cost increases resulting from increases in the volume of calls;  
2 and any other costs to maintain the current level of pre-  
3 hospital emergency medical services not otherwise provided for  
4 in this Act.

5 PART II

6 SECTION 3. This part shall be known and may be cited as  
7 "Keo's Law".

8 SECTION 4. The legislature finds that the department of  
9 health is responsible for administering and maintaining the  
10 state comprehensive emergency medical services system, or state  
11 medical emergency system, by planning, coordinating, and  
12 providing assistance to all public and private entities and  
13 agencies involved in the state medical emergency system. This  
14 administration and maintenance ensures that all emergency  
15 services or ambulance services conducted by or under the  
16 authorization of the department of health or any county are  
17 consistent with part XVIII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised  
18 Statutes.

19 The state medical emergency system provides for the  
20 arrangement of personnel, facilities, and equipment, primarily  
21 in the pre-hospital setting, for the effective and coordinated



1 delivery of health care services under emergency conditions,  
2 regardless of whether the emergency condition occurs as a result  
3 of the patient's condition, natural disasters, or other causes.  
4 The state medical emergency system also provides personnel,  
5 personnel training, communications, emergency transportation,  
6 facilities, coordination with emergency medical and critical  
7 care services, coordination and use of available public safety  
8 agencies, promotion of consumer participation, accessibility to  
9 care, mandatory standard medical recordkeeping, consumer  
10 information and education, independent review and evaluation,  
11 disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements, and other components  
12 necessary to meet the purposes of the state medical emergency  
13 system.

14       The department of health is responsible for establishing  
15 standards for emergency medical services and for emergency  
16 medical service systems consistent with the state medical  
17 emergency system, and applicable federal guidelines for these  
18 services, and the regulation of ambulances within the State,  
19 including the certification of vehicles, equipment, supplies,  
20 and communication systems.



1           The state emergency medical services advisory committee is  
2   administratively attached to the department of health to serve  
3   in an advisory capacity to the department of health on all  
4   matters relating to the state medical emergency system. The  
5   department of health, in consultation with the state emergency  
6   medical services advisory committee, is responsible for  
7   determining the levels of emergency medical services that are  
8   implemented in each county and is authorized to contract to  
9   provide emergency services, including emergency aeromedical  
10   services, or any necessary component of a county emergency  
11   services system in accordance with the state medical emergency  
12   system. The department of health is responsible for  
13   establishing reasonable fees for services rendered to the public  
14   by the department of health, any county, or a private agency.  
15   To fulfill the duties of the emergency medical services and  
16   injury prevention system branch, it is imperative that the  
17   department of health strive to ensure that the state medical  
18   emergency system is efficiently maintained and effectively  
19   provides emergency services.

20           The purpose of this part is to require the department of  
21   health to contract with the National Highway Traffic Safety



1 Administration to conduct a study of the state medical emergency  
2 system to identify issues and problems with the system and  
3 propose initiatives to improve the system.

4 SECTION 5. The department of health shall contract with  
5 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a  
6 study of the state medical emergency system. The purpose of the  
7 study is to identify issues and problems with the system and  
8 propose initiatives to improve the system. The department of  
9 health shall submit a written report of the National Highway  
10 Traffic Safety Administration's findings and recommendations,  
11 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later  
12 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
13 of 2020.

14 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the  
17 department of health to contract with the National Highway  
18 Traffic Safety Administration to perform a study of the state  
19 medical emergency system.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
21 health for the purposes of this part.



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PART III

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SECTION 7. The sums appropriated in this Act shall be

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expended by the department of health for the purposes of this

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Act.

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SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DOH; Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services; Appropriation;  
Study

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to maintain the current level of pre-hospital emergency medical services. Requires DOH to contract with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a study of the State Medical Emergency System. Appropriates funds for the study. (SB281 HD2)

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