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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO
AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-
BASIC" AND "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC" UNDER
SECTION 16-85-53.5, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the Emergency Medical Services and
2 Injury Prevention System Branch is to administer, maintain, and
3 operate a state comprehensive emergency medical services system
4 throughout Hawaii to reduce medical emergency deaths, injuries,
5 and permanent long-term disability; and
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7 WHEREAS, under the existing definitions of an "emergency
8 medical technician-basic" and "emergency medical technician-
9 paramedic" in section 16-85-53.5, Hawaii Administrative Rules,
10 it is unclear when emergency medical technicians and paramedics
11 are authorized to provide basic and advanced life support
12 services to a patient if the patient is not in transit to a
13 medical facility; and
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15 WHEREAS, this interpretation can potentially restrict
16 highly trained emergency medical technicians and paramedics from
17 performing basic and advanced life support services to patients
18 in situations where the patient is not being transported to a
19 medical facility; and
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21 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Emergency Medical
22 Services and Injury Prevention System Branch is able to carry out
23 its mission to reduce medical emergency deaths, injuries, and
24 long-term disability, it is imperative to provide clarity and
25 allow emergency medical technicians and paramedics more
26 flexibility in carrying out their respective services,
27 regardless of the location of the emergency; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
30 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of
31 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Commerce and



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1 Consumer Affairs is requested to amend the definitions of
 2 "emergency medical technician-basic" and "emergency medical
 3 technician-paramedic" under section 16-85-53.5, Hawaii
 4 Administrative Rules; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
 7 Consumer Affairs is requested to amend the definition, pursuant
 8 to section 16-85-53.5, Hawaii Administrative Rules, of
 9 "emergency medical technician-basic" or "EMT-Basic" or "EMT-B"
 10 to mean "an individual certified by the Board of Medical
 11 Examiners to perform basic life support"; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
 14 Consumer Affairs is requested to amend the definition, pursuant
 15 to section 16-85-53.5, Hawaii Administrative Rules, of
 16 "emergency medical technician-paramedic" or "EMT-Paramedic" or
 17 "EMT-P" or "paramedic" to mean "an individual certified by the
 18 Board of Medical Examiners to perform basic and advanced life
 19 support"; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
 23 and Consumer Affairs, Director of Health, and Chief of the
 24 Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch.
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