

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1444

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20

, 2019

RE: S.B. No. 281  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 281,  
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to  
maintain existing pre-hospital emergency medical services.

The Department of Health (DOH), Honolulu Emergency Services  
Department, and American Medical Response testified in support of  
this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requiring DOH to contract with the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  
to study the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical  
Services System to identify issues and problems and  
propose initiatives to improve the system;
- (2) Appropriating funds for the NHTSA study; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,  
consistency, and style.

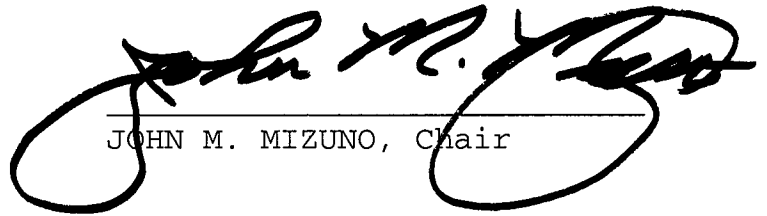
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Your Committee notes that DOH estimates a need for \$50,000 to cover the cost for the NHTSA study. Your Committee further notes that the last study of the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System was conducted in 1991. Finally, your Committee notes that there is a significant need for the State and counties to work together in a smart and effective manner to ensure adequate and appropriate coverage of emergency medical services for all persons in Hawaii, regardless of their geographic location.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 281, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 281, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



