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Testimony in SUPPORT of H.C.R. 46
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

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** The estimated cost of a statewide emergency medical services (EMS)
- 2 assessment could range between \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 46.
- 4 HCR 46 is similar to Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 37 and SCR 189 that requests the
- 5 Department of Health to conduct a study on the state comprehensive emergency medical services
- 6 system to identify issues and problems and propose initiatives to improve the system.

- 7 The Department of Health (DOH) values continuous quality improvement. For the past few
- 8 months, the DOH has been in discussion with the US National Highway Transportation Safety
- 9 Administration (NHTSA) regarding obtaining their services to perform a new review of the state
- 10 system, the first since 1991. NHTSA will send a six-member team with support personnel to
- 11 perform the review. The DOH will need to coordinate the logistics and participation of the state
- 12 and county components of the state system in a new review performed by NHTSA.

- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.