

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3091

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 3091 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enable the  
Hawaii Medical Board to certify emergency medical personnel other  
than emergency ambulance service personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the State Fire Council, Honolulu Emergency Services  
Department of the City and County of Honolulu, Hawai'i Fire  
Department, Kaua'i Fire Department, and six individuals. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of  
Health and Hawaii Medical Board.

Your Committee finds that emergency medical personnel are an  
integral component of Hawaii's emergency medical system. However,  
existing state laws relating to the certification of emergency  
medical personnel address only emergency ambulance service  
personnel and do not address all emergency medical personnel.  
This measure will authorize the Hawaii Medical Board to certify  
other emergency medical personnel, such as firefighters and ocean  
safety lifeguards, and, thus, increase the supply of emergency  
medical responders in the State.

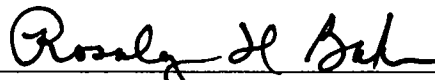


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that emergency service personnel, rather than solely emergency ambulance service personnel, are subject to certification by the Hawaii Medical Board for the practice of emergency medical services;
- (2) Deleting language that would have allowed an individual with proof of current certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to be deemed qualified to perform emergency medical services as an emergency medical technician in the State;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3091, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



