

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2889

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2017
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2017 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 repeal section 453-34(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which limits licensure as an emergency medical technician 1 to individuals whose practice is performed in a county with a population of 500,000 or greater.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board.

Your Committee finds that there are approximately one thousand four hundred emergency medical technicians in the State certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMTs), which is the standard for educational requirements in most states. Over the past two years of the pandemic, NREMTs across the State have clearly demonstrated their value by providing an additional level of patient care and services, particularly in neighbor island communities where pre-hospital resources are not as abundant or centralized as they are on Oahu. This measure will, accordingly, expand licensure to all NREMTs throughout the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that an "emergency medical technician 1" is an individual who is certified at a higher practice level than an emergency medical responder; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2017, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2017, S.D. 1.

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

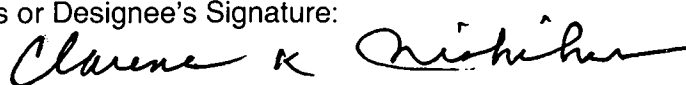


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2017	PSM/HTH,CPN	02-23-2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	/			
DECOITE, Lynn	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	6	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes