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March 29, 2022

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection
and Commerce
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 436
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Johanson:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2017, Senate Draft (SD) 1, House Draft (HD) 1, Relating to
Emergency Medical Services

I am Steven Goble, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC supports SB 2017, SD 1, HD 1, which repeals section 453-34(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, limiting licensure as an emergency medical technician (EMT) 1 to individuals whose practice is performed in a county with a population of 500,000 or greater.

Approximately 1,400 EMTs in Hawaii are currently certified by the National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), which is the standard for educational requirements in most states. Over 400,000 individuals are certified by the NREMT.

During the coronavirus pandemic over the past two years, the NREMTs across the state have clearly demonstrated their value by providing an additional level of patient care and services. This is particularly the case for Hawaii's neighbor island communities where resources in the pre-hospital environment are not as abundant as in Honolulu County and those resources are geographically dispersed in remote areas.

The SFC requests the committee's approval of SB 2017, SD 1, HD1, to expand licensure to all NREMTs throughout the state.

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Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Gary Lum at 723-7169 or glum@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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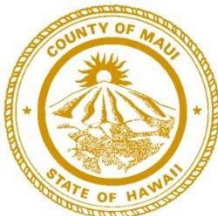
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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNTY OF MAUI
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March 30, 2022

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection
and Commerce
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 436
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Johanson:

**SUBJECT: SENATE BILL (SB) 2017, SENATE DRAFT (SD) 1, HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 1,
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

I am Bradford K. Ventura, member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC supports SB 2017, SD 1, HD 1, which repeals section 453-34(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, limiting licensure as an emergency medical technician (EMT) 1 to individuals whose practice is performed in a county with a population of 500,000 or greater.

Approximately 1,400 EMTs in Hawaii are currently certified by the National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), which is the standard for educational requirements in most states. Over 400,000 individuals are certified by the NREMT.

During the coronavirus pandemic over the past two years, the NREMTs across the state have clearly demonstrated their value by providing an additional level of patient care and services. This is particularly the case for Hawaii's neighbor island communities where resources in the pre-hospital environment are not as abundant as in Honolulu County and those resources are geographically dispersed in remote areas.

The SFC requests the committee's approval of SB 2017, SD 1, HD1, to expand licensure to all NREMTs throughout the state. If you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Gary Lum at (808) 723-7169 or glum@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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BRADFORD K. VENTURA
Fire Chief

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March 30, 2022

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Committee on Consumer Protection
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House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 436
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Johanson:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2017, Senate Draft (SD) 1, House Draft (HD) 1 Relating to
Emergency Medical Services

My name is Sheldon K. Hao, Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports SB 2017, SD 1, HD 1, which repeals Section 453-34(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and limits licensure as an emergency medical technician (EMT) 1 to individuals whose practice is performed in a county with a population of 500,000 or greater.

Approximately 1,400 EMTs in Hawaii are currently certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), which is the standard for educational requirements in most states. Over 400,000 individuals are certified by the NREMT.

During the 2019 Novel Coronavirus pandemic over the past two years, NREMTs across the state have clearly demonstrated their value by providing an additional level of patient care and services. This is particularly the case for Hawaii's neighbor island communities where resources in the prehospital environment are not as abundant as in the City and County of Honolulu and are geographically dispersed in remote areas.

The HFD requests your committee's approval of SB 2017, SD 1, HD 1 to expand licensure to NREMTs throughout the state.

Should you have questions, please contact Administrative Specialist Gary Lum at 808-723-7169 or glum@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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SHELDON K. HAO
Fire Chief

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Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**

**Thursday, March 31, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 2017, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES**

Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical (Board). The Board supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to repeal Hawaii Revised Statutes section 453-34(d), 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.

The Board supports this measure as it will provide greater access to care to the consumers of this State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.