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**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

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March 15, 2022

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair  
Committee on Health, Human Services,  
and Homelessness  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 420  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane:

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

I am Bradford K. Ventura, member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and the Fire Chief of Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC supports SB 2017, SD 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, 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](mailto:glum@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Ventura".

BRADFORD K. VENTURA  
Fire Chief

**Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board**

**Before the  
Health Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness**

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:**

**S.B. 2017, S.D. 1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Chair Yamane 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.

**SB-2017-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 2:28:27 PM

Testimony for HHH on 3/17/2022 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Roberta Hunter	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear trusted members of our government,

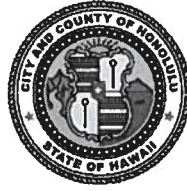
My name is Roberta Hunter child with apple who has undergone great turmoil during the years she was trying to attend public school. She was not supported by individuals in the classroom and was not given a safe environment to learn in. Unfortunately she ended up having to be home schooled because of the lack of understanding and compassion both from the staff and the students. It was not a safe environment for her at all. That means she missed out on the high school dances, the prom, going to football games etc. No child should have to miss being with human beings because of their age and compassion. When she was in elementary school she would be accused of not paying attention when in reality she was having multiple absent seizures. This lack of education by the staff caused her to have low self-esteem and feel like she was stupid. I really hope that you take into consideration when you are voting the lives of the venerable and vote for support making this law. I am a citizen of Hawaii and love the aloha spirit and Hope that it is given to those with epilepsy in schools. Sincerely yours,

Roberta Hunter

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FIRE CHIEF

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DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

March 16, 2022

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House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 420  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 2017, Senate Draft (SD) 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, 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 are geographically dispersed in remote areas and the prehospital environment is not as abundant as it is in the City and County of Honolulu.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheldon K. Hao".

SHELDON K. HAO  
Fire Chief

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Dear Chair Yamane:

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

I am Steven Goble, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC supports SB 2017, SD 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Goble', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEVEN GOBLE  
Chair

SG/GL: