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Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 3248 S.D.1 H.D.1
RELATING TO AMBULANCES

REPRESENTATIVE AARON LING JOHANSON, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
Hearing Date: 3-22-22 2pm Room Number: 329/VideoConf

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Funding estimated at \$1,600,000 annually would be needed for the
2 Department of Health to implement this measure plus any annual cost-of-living increases. The
3 Department requests that passage of any appropriations in this measure does not replace or
4 adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive supplemental budget request.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health appreciates the intent of S.B. 3248, S.D.1,
6 H.D.1, adding another advanced life support ambulance to Molokai increasing the island's
7 number to two units.

8 The Department of Health currently contracts for emergency medical services on the island of
9 Molokai. Molokai has one 911 EMS ambulance operating 24/7/365 staffed with one paramedic
10 and one emergency medical technician. Molokai's resident population has remained stable, from
11 an estimated 7,345 in 2010 and 7,369 in 2020. Between 2017 and 2021, Molokai had 4,676
12 EMS 911 ambulance runs. The number of EMS runs has also remained relatively stable since
13 2017. There were 896 runs in 2017 and 938 in 2021. Over the 5-year period, the median time
14 between runs was 330 minutes (5.5 hours), one percent (47) of runs had less than 10 minutes
15 between EMS responses, and three percent (141) of the runs had 10-29 minutes between
16 responses. Challenges include the fact that pre-hospital personnel numbers are limited. If
17 passed, additional personnel would be required for Molokai.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3248, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

March 22, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Room 329 and Videoconference

RELATING TO AMBULANCES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 3248, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, appropriates an unspecified amount in general funds in FY 23 to the Department of Health for the purchase of one advanced life support ambulance for the island of Moloka'i, related equipment, and pay-related personnel costs.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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March 21, 2022

TO: Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Government Reform

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: March 21, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3248, SD1, HD1, RELATING TO AMBULANCES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. This measure's purpose is to appropriate funds to purchase one advanced life support ambulance to be based on the island of Moloka'i, and related equipment, and pay related personnel costs for State-certified emergency medical services personnel.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. This measure will give Moloka'i residents and visitors better access to primary health care.
2. An advanced life support ambulance and personnel will help reduce death and disability among residents and visitors to Moloka'i by providing timely response to a 911 call, which is critical to those in need of immediate medical care.
3. This measure furthers the following goal of the Moloka'i Island Community Plan: "Protect life, property, and the environment by providing effective and efficient fire protection and rescue services for the island of Moloka'i."

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
Members, House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

From: Janice Kalanihulia, President, Molokai General Hospital – The Queen's Health Systems
Jace Mikulanec, Director, Government Relations, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: March 22, 2022

Re: Support for SB 3248 HD1 - Relating to Ambulances

The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a nonprofit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, and more than 1,500 affiliated physicians and providers statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

Queen's appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3248 HD1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase one advanced life support ambulance to be based on the island of Molokai, and related equipment, and pay related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel. Molokai currently has only one ambulance providing emergency medical services to residents. With the addition of another advanced life support ambulance, this will increase on-island emergency coverage and decrease the time needed to transport our medical professionals wherever they are most needed on Molokai.

Thank you for allowing Queen's to provided testimony in support of SB 3248 HD1.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.



March 21, 2022

**TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
March 15, 2022; 9:00 am**

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 3248, SD 1, HD 1 RELATING TO AMBULANCES.

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee;

My name is Cheryl Vasconcellos and I am the Executive Director of Hana Health a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing essential primary care and urgent/emergent care in one of the most remote locations in the state. I am testifying in SUPPORT of this bill.

Molokai, is very similar to Hana in that both areas have limited access to most services that are taken for granted in the more populated areas of the state. Emergency health care should not be one of those services. Sufficient ambulance service is critical to the health, safety and well- being of Molokai residents and I strongly urge your support of this important measure.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-248-7515, extension 26.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "cheryl vasconcellos".

Cheryl Vasconcellos
Executive Director

cc: Senator Lynn DeCoite
Representative Linda Clark



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March 22, 2022



Representative Aaron Johanson, Chair
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice-Chair
State Senate, Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SB 3248 – Making an Appropriation for Ambulance Service for Moloka'i

Dear Representatives:

American Medical Response respectfully supports SB 3248, which makes an appropriation for a second ambulance unit on Moloka'i.

The need for another EMS resource on Moloka'i is to serve as a "safety net" for the community when the primary ambulance is:

- On a 911 call
- Taking care of multiple patients
- Transferring critical patients to Air Ambulance
- Geographically distant from the second ambulance patient

Additionally, this unit can serve as a Community Paramedicine and health resource to improve access to primary health care on Moloka'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Speedy Bailey, Regional Director
American Medical Response

LATE

SB-3248-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 7:29:11 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I support SB3248.

Mahalo nui, Rosie

LATE

SB-3248-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2022 2:51:30 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/22/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Romo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Legislators

My name is Micheal Romo, and as a resident of Maui County and a Paramedic, I recognize the need for paramedic care is a vital service to any community. Currently there is only one Paramedic Ambulance on the island of Molokai. When there are more than one call simultaneously, the second patient has to wait for care. A second ambulance and more Paramedic resources are needed for the citizens of Molokai due to geographic issues and population.

Please vote in support of SB 3248 to fund this precious resource for the residents of Molokai.