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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3248, S.D. 1

February 24, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Room 211 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, 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.

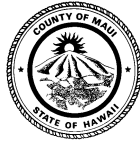
Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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February 22, 2022

TO: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 22, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3248, SD1, 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 Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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

Date: February 24, 2022

Re: Support for SB 3248 SD1 - 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 SD1, 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 SD1.

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.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2022 9:12:59 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT SB 3248 RELATING TO AMBULANCES.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 1:42:18 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support bill SB3248.

Mahalo nui

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Submitted on: 2/23/2022 8:18:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/24/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mary Dudoit	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is vital that Molokai have an extra ambulance. Our small island depends on our emergency responders to transport those with medical emergencies to our only hospital and airport (to the air ambulance). People cannot wait an hour or two for an ambulance ride. People call an ambulance in emergencies--and time is often of the essence. Please support our island and the safety of our Molokai people. I strongly support SB3248!