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**Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 3248**  
**RELATING TO AMBULANCES**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 2-16-22 1pm

Room Number: VideoConf

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Funding estimated at \$1,500,000 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, adding  
6 another advanced life support ambulance to Molokai increasing the island's number to two units.

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

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

February 15, 2022

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair  
State Senate, Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Dear Senators:

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

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 9:19:41 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Michael Taboniar	Testifying for Kauai Paramedics Association	Support	No

Comments:

On Behalf of the Kauai Paramedics Association a Union that represents Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians on Kauai, We strongly support SB 3248, a bill that would provide funding for an **ESSENTIAL** service for the people of Molokai.....



## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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To: The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

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

Date: February 16, 2022

Re: Support for SB 3248 - Relating to Ambulances

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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, 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.

*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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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 3248

**February 16, 2022**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Via Videoconference**

RELATING TO AMBULANCES

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

Senate Bill No. 3248 appropriates \$1,500,000 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.

**SB-3248**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Louise L.inker	Testifying for DOH/PHN/Molokai	Support	No

Comments:

Molokai has a lot of very sick people. Due to covid, many people have not had opportunities to healthcare because of accessability. The Molokai Ambulance Crew of AMR (American Medical Response) have been very busy with transfers to and from Molokai General Hospital. At times, people have to wait for a transfer because the ambulance is busy already. A new ambulance will be very helpful, in that, a backup crew can provide service to the next person who is sick and is waiting for a transfer, whether it be to the hospital or to the airport to be transferred off island for medical care. Also, more compensation for the ambulance crew on Molokai is well deserved as the crews have been working very hard because we have so many sick people on Molokai. We need to provide good compensation for our the amulance crew that live here or travel here to work, or we may loose them because cost of living is very high on Molokai. If we do not support this bill, people may die from having to wait for transport to the hospital or from the hospital that need to be transported off island for care. And/or we may loose personned.

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 5:10:33 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Todd Yamashita	Testifying for The Molokai Dispatch	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha thank you for considering this bill important to our community. Our island is an outpost with limited trauma support at our hospital. My grandmother is 101 years old. Both her and my grandfather before he passed have needed emergency support. Even if this investment saves one life, that is a friend, family or community member that we are saving... So huge mahalo for supporting our small community



**SB-3248**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
David Daniels	Testifying for Federal Fire Department	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a paramedic in Hawaii for the last 25 years, I've seen first hand the value of early pre hospital care for sick and injured people. In EMS, time is LIFE but unfortunately for the residents on Moloka'i who have only one EMS resource for the entire island that critical care can sometimes take well over an hour or even longer. Those response times are only getting worse knowing that the population on Moloka'i is growing. Now is the time to add a well overdue EMS resource for this island and its residence. Please support bill SB 3248.

mahalo,

David Daniels

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/14/2022 9:19:27 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Micheal Romo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Sentate

My name is Micheal Romo and I am a resident of Maui County. The need for Paramedic Ambulance service is a vital service for any community. Currently there is one Paramedic Ambulance for the entire island of Molokai. When there are 2 calls simotaneously, the second patient must wait for the ambulance to clear the first patient. This can result in life threatening delays in care. A second ambulance or more Paramedic resources are needed to cover the geographic area as well as the population of Molokai.

Please vote in support of SB 3248 to fund this precious resourse for the residence of Molokai.

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/14/2022 11:57:35 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Tito Villanueva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i'm in support for the addition of an advance life support ambulance for the island of Molokai. This will provide timely emergency medical and trauma response to the visitors and residents.

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/14/2022 1:10:58 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The residents & visitors on Molokai will benefit from a second ambulance to respond to medical, life-threatening emergencies where critical minutes can make a difference in lives being saved. Please approve and PASS this bill forward. Thank you.

Council Chair  
Alice L. Lee

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February 14, 2022

TO: Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: February 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3248, 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.

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 7:04:47 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Faith Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 3248

**SB-3248**

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Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I support bill SB3248.

Mahalo

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 8:50:58 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill SB3248

I support this bill

Aloha



**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 9:45:19 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Joshua Musick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a Paramedic who has worked on Moloka'i and knowing how limited resources are for emergency prehospital care on the Island, I support SB 3248.

To : Committee on Health  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

From : Henry Lindo Jr, Assistant Chief of Operations  
County of Maui Department of Fire and Public Safety

Date : February 15, 2022

Re : Support of SB 3248 Relating to Ambulances

Aloha,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposal to appropriate funds to the Dept of Health in order 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.

As a resident of Molokai and a member of the Department of Fire and Public Safety, I have personally worked alongside our medical emergency services personnel (AMR) on Molokai. On multiple occasions and in order to maintain a continuity of operations to address emergency medical care, our AMR personnel had to make decisions which caused them to split their own two person crew in order to run a second ambulance which consisted of a back up spare unit located at their station being used for operations. As a Captain of the fire crew during those times, I had to make the decision to support the AMR operations by splitting my own crew in order to provide support personnel on the two separate ambulance units. This process allowed us to provide the needed medical service to our community but it also made an uncomfortable situation arise should a fire or other non medical type of emergency have occurred. We were fortunate that no other emergency sprung up with the staffing shortage of fire personnel yet would've done everything to remedy the situation should the need have arised. We were also fortunate in the past that we had other AMR personnel who lived on Molokai and were available to backfill the back up ambulance when the need arose and we as Fire had to make the decision to support the staffing of the ambulance with our on duty personnel thereby creating a fire staffing shortage.

I am so thankful that I was raised to take care of our community knowing that we have a limited set of resources on island. For a lot of emergencies, we make the call to support operations and community needs over our own operational needs because we beleive it is the right thing to do. We are in the times where there are so much more medical response emergencies as compared to other fire related calls on island which is why the amount of training for emergency medical refreshment has increased exponetially over the years. On Molokai, the fire personnel work above the scope of care required for firefighters to assist Medics especially when those mutiple calls happen. There are other times when firefighters are on calls and have to wait for a very long time because Medics are in transport or on

another call in a different district and may slow the response to other types of emergencies because they are tied up at the scene.

I believe the model of medical response on Molokai is unique due to logistics, limited resources, limited funding and lower count numbers that detract from and paints a muddy picture of the actual happenings in regards to medical response on island. At the same time, the love and care of the first responders in making things happen regardless of policy and guidelines that it makes things seem that there really are no problems or concerns in medical response on Molokai.

It is my hope that I could paint a little picture of the areas of concern that one medical unit on Molokai raised and hopefully sheds some light on the need to have another medical unit with personnel. There are a variety of ways and solutions that could come into providing another unit with personnel that would not cost the State or community a lot in monetary value but would need a further and deeper look and study with the personnel and community members already on the island of Molokai. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions regarding my testimony but again I reiterate my support for bill SB 3248. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in helping solve the problems throughout our State and making the tough decisions that crosses your table. Aloha all and God bless you!!

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 1:22:35 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Mahina Poepoe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support of SB3248. The allocation of funding to add, equip, and staff an additional ambulance unit on Molokai will greatly benefit our community and provide much needed additonal emergency medical response services, especially when there are multiple incidents requiring response at the same time.

Mahalo, Mahina Poepoe

Molokai Resident

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 1:35:20 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Zhantell Lindo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for this opportunity. My name is Zhantell Lindo and I am a keiki o ka aina of Molokai. I stand in strong support of SB3248. Molokai has long been in need of an additional, fully operational and staffed ambulance. The islands health, safety and welfare continues to be compromised with the current limitations and capacity of our American Medical Response team. Having only one fully operational ambulance in service at any given time, to provide medical response to the entire island, is both unrealilstic and unfair to the amazing men and women who serve in this role. I am eager to secure the necessary funding to efficiently and effectively support imporved medical response times and services to our people. What makes this particularly efficient is the bills committement to ensure that the ambulance is fully equipped and staffed; ready to be put into service upon its arrival.. Sending a new ambulance on its own would be wonderful but serve very little purpose where necessary, without the equipemnts and manpower needed to be fully operational. If I have misunderstood the details of this bill correctly and these additions are not specified, then I humbly ask the committee to ensure they are put in; and that every effort be made to ensure absolute efficiency of such a purchase and fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I pray you will help us to secure this most important and necessary opportunity. We have long waited for this to come to a reality. Please help us to provide our people with the basic emergency services they deserve and support our AMR first responders with the support they deserve.

Mahalo Nui

Zhantell Lindo - Molokai Resident

County of Maui Community Outreach Specialist - Molokai District Office

Molokai Emergency Operations Committee - Communications Officer

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Submitted on: 2/15/2022 2:09:05 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Courtney-Paige DiMaggio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a community member born, raised, living and working on Moloka'i, I fully support this bill. We have a fragile medical infrastructure. Moloka'i has one of the highest numbers of Native Hawaiians that live here. Native Hawaiians have the highest rates of diabetes, heart disease, and other chronic illnesses compared to the other races in the state of Hawaii. Unfortunately many residents not follow up with their health care providers until it is a medical emergency. Many do not follow up with any specialist if they are required to fly to Oahu for office visits. This also leads to a medical emergency. We are in need of another advanced life support ambulance on Moloka'i.

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 2:13:24 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
David Kingdon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Legislators:

I am writing to lend my support to SB3248. I am representing myself and no other agency or entity. I am, however, a licensed paramedic in Hawaii, and I have a solid understanding of existing EMS assets and needs in Molokai.

The island of Molokai would certainly benefit from additional EMS resources, and this would reduce all-cause morbidity and mortality among residents and visitors. Molokai is a vital and integral community within Maui County and within our state. It is important that there be prompt and equitable emergency medical service provided to all islands and areas within the broad catchment of Maui County EMS, part of our State EMS system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Kingdon, MPH, Paramedic

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 2:15:11 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Laa Poepoe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i am a molokai resident & medical first responder in support of this bill's intent. thank you.



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Submitted on: 2/15/2022 2:20:43 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Leonora Espaniola	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please appropriate 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.

**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 3:13:42 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Noa Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole

Senator Rosalyn Baker

Committee on Health

Noa Miyamoto, Team Leader Medic 8 Molokai

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Support for S.B. No. 3248, Relating to Ambulances

For the past thirty years Medic 8 Molokai has been staffed with two MICT's on duty twenty four hours a day. This staffing model allowed the on duty crew to "split" in the event of multiple emergencies happening simultaneously or in the event of a prolonged case secondary to remote areas of Molokai. As of February 2022 the on duty staffing has been changed to one EMT and one MICT, this translates to no one being able to respond to a 911 call when there is more than one emergency happening at the same time. I strongly support S.B. No. 3248, Relating to Ambulances, which would create an additional pre hospital advanced life support ambulance on the island of Molokai.

The ability of Molokai MICT's to provide pre hospital advanced life support for our community has effectively been taken away. Over the past thirty years Medic 8 has been able to creatively manage the unique aspects of providing EMS care for the Island of Molokai. Splitting the on

duty crew to provide individual MICT's to respond to separate emergencies was the primary method of dealing with multiple or prolonged events. Calling back off duty personnel to respond or to stand by was also a means to provide additional EMS coverage. Due to deaths and retirements there are no longer additional MICT's living on island to respond in time of need, this necessitated the on duty crew to be able to split up to manage 911 calls. With the current staffing model it is impossible to split crew as an EMT cannot independently provide advanced life support without the supervision of an MICT.

Molokai's unique geography provides response times that are viewed as unacceptable by any EMS agency. Everything West of Mahana and everything East of Kamalo is in excess of twenty minutes. Nothing can be done about the prolonged response time but once the ambulance is en route to either of these areas there are no prehospital advanced life support capabilities for the entire island. The remote nature of some 911 activations on Molokai have seen the on duty MICT be involved with one emergency for hours. A slip and fall at Kawakiu with an extremity fracture took an MICT out of service for three hours, an overturned ATV at the top of Kamakou Forest Reserve took over five hours to bring to completion. Halawa valley, Hale O Lono, the Kalaupapa trail, the list of remote locations on Molokai is endless and there is only one crew to manage all of this.

With the current staffing model any of the aforementioned situations that arise will have people waiting for an EMS response without any assurance of timely intervention. There are four fire stations on Molokai; Engine 12 Pukoo, Engine 4 Kaunakakai, Engine 9 Hoolehua, and State Crash at Hoolehua airport. The one ambulance on Molokai must respond to any and all 911 activations as well as all interfacility transfers between Molokai General Hospital and MKK airport. Patients returning home to Molokai that are bedridden or unable to ambulate and hospice patients that need transport home to be with family for end of life care have only one option. Every time that this occurs the on duty crew has to coordinate with the sending parties to wait until someone is off duty to take the patient home. On duty crew cannot reliably provide transport to bedridden, non ambulatory, and hospice patients returning to Molokai. All it takes is one 911 emergency to happen and these patients are stuck in an airplane waiting for the ambulance to become available.

An additional advanced life support unit on the island of Molokai will provide the necessary personnel and equipment to effectively handle multiple 911 emergencies or prolonged events. By providing a second advanced life support ambulance on Molokai the ability to effectively provide timely prehospital EMS care for this community will be realized. I urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 3248 for the health and well being of all Molokai residents and visitors alike. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



**SB-3248**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 4:57:53 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/16/2022 1:00:00 PM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Alana Ducroix-Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a resident of the island of Molokai and as someone who has a lot of health conditions I find it alarming that there is only one staffed ambulance operating at a time. If you have ever been to Molokai you would know how dispersed it is thus how far it is to get from one end of the island to the other. If an ambulance is on a call in Maunaloa and a call comes in on the East side of the island, the wait time will unfortunately be very long and this could mean life or death for many. We are fortunate to have very competent paramedics on our island but unfortunately their hands are tied because one ambulance cannot be everywhere at once. You may think Molokai is an island with a small number of residents but we see that ambulance constantly going to calls, they are very busy and this is obvious to the whole community. I am strongly in support of Bill SB 3248 because our community deserves to be cared for just as you would expect it if it were your loved one in need of emergency services.

**SB-3248**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Paul Kimsel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of SB 3248

An additional ambulance will immediately improve EMS response times and improve the lives and care of the residents of Molokai.

Paul Kimsel

Paramedic.

Medic 8 (Molokai) 2005-2008

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
WAILANI TANAKA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! As a full-time Molokai resident, I am in support of SB3248 for the mere fact that if 2 tragic accidents happen at the same time and the Ambulance was needed for both situations, there would be no way for the 1 Ambulance to be in two places at once. Thank you!

**SB-3248**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Chris Stankis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The rural areas of Maui County need to be properly served by both the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. There is very little "back up" for the emergency medical providers on Molokai. Having a fully staffed ambulance crew (2 Mobile Intensive Care Technicians) on Molokai is crucial to the safety and well being of Molokai residents. This is tax money well spent. You cannot put a dollar value on saved lives.



**SB-3248**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
SONYA YUEN	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support bill sb3248. 1 fully staffed ambulance is not realistic for Molokai. We need another fully staffed ambulance for Molokai. There are many times when there's more than one medical emergency where an ambulance is necessary. Please look kindly on this bill.

**SB-3248**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ikaika Blackburn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

The island community of Moloka'i is known for the lush 'āina, beautiful landscapes, and fruitful hunting grounds. It's also very vulnerable due to lack of resources. Although small, the island possesses a people with huge hearts, willing to aloha kekahi I kekahi. As a State, County, a Proud People, it's our duty ti insure all our people are safe. We have that ability, we just need to fund it. Please consider funding for a full staffed ambulance crew to insure the most important thing, LIFE, is always put first priority for our Hawai'i Communities.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Ikaika Blackburn

**SB-3248**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Lorna Dudoit	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We, John & Lorna, support this bill SB3248. We need and depend on our ambulance services and personnels on Molokai with funding.

**SB-3248**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Judith Mikami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am submitting my testimony supporting SB3248 that would appropriate funds to purchase one advanced life support ambulance with the related and necessary equipment to be based on the island of Molokai, and pay related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel.

Molokai is a rural and remote island, with limited health care resources although its only community hospital has an emergency room and the ability to stabilize patients and air vac them to the nearest trauma center on either Oahu or Maui. However, since time is of the essence in most of these critical situations, an advanced life support ambulance will help reduce death and disability among residents and visitors to Molokai by providing timely response to a 911 call which is critical to increasing the likelihood of successful outcomes for injured or sick individuals.

Although we on Molokai have access to our hospital with emergency services, I support this bill that would enable our residents to have another level of ambulance services. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Judith Mikami

**LATE**

**SB-3248**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Kamalei Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of bill SB3248. The increase of health resources for outer islands are crucial to the overall beneficence and health of the community.

Mahalo.