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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB390 SD1 HD1
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

REP. MARK M. NAKASHIMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Hearing Date: March 28, 2023

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) takes no position on the repeal of
3 the sunset date of section 2 of Act 119, SLH 2021.

4 DOH requests the repeal of Bill Section 2 in its entirety.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

6 **Offered Amendments:**

7 ~~[SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the~~
8 ~~general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of~~
9 ~~\$————— or so much thereof as may be necessary for~~
10 ~~fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof~~
11 ~~as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to increase~~
12 ~~the predictability and stability of available air~~
13 ~~ambulance services for all islands in the State,~~
14 ~~including staffing costs; provided that no funds shall be~~

1 ~~released unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by~~
2 ~~funds from the counties.~~

3 ~~—— The sums appropriated shall be expended by the~~
4 ~~department of health for the purposes of this Act.]~~

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is
6 bracketed and stricken.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1,
8 3000.

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Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**Before the
House Committee on Health and Homelessness
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 390, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical (Board). The Board supports section 1 of this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) repeal the sunset date of section 2 of Act 119, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021; and (2) appropriate funds for air ambulance services.

The Board supports section 1 of this measure because it will make permanent the licensure category for emergency medical technicians 1 and will ensure continued access to care for the consumers of this State.

The Board respectfully requests the following amendments to this measure:

1. Delete section 2 of the bill in its entirety. This measure has no referral to the House Committee on Finance. If this section is not deleted, the original purpose of this measure may be negatively impacted. It is the Board's understanding that there is another vehicle that addresses the purpose of section 2.
2. If the Committee is inclined to amend this measure as requested above, the Board requests that this measure take effect "upon approval."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.