

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2221

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3126
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3126 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY AEROMEDICAL SERVICES, "

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an Emergency Aeromedical Services Partnership Program to be administered by the Department of Health in counties with a population less than 500,000;
- (2) Require cost-sharing for program operations and maintenance and revenue sharing between the State and the County of Hawaii, County of Kauai, and County of Maui;
- (3) Authorize deposits into the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund; and
- (4) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, one member of the Maui County



Council, Hawai'i Pacific Health, Queen's Health System, Global Medical Response, and one individual.

Your Committees find that a comprehensive statewide air ambulance program will greatly improve health care for rural areas at greater risk of poor health outcomes. The existing system of interisland emergency medical transport is overburdened posing a risk to health and safety. Your Committees further find that the approximate cost for funding out of the general fund is \$18,000,000, however, more details need to be discussed, including how the program participants and stakeholders may share the cost to maintain assets.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

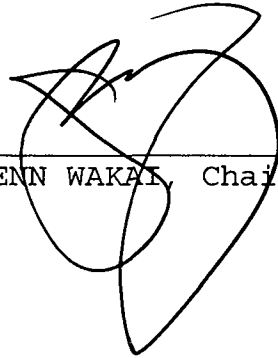
- (1) Inserting an unspecified appropriation amount into and out of the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committees note that the Senate Draft 1 of this measure contains an unspecified appropriation amount. Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committees respectfully request that it considers inserting an appropriation amount of \$18,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-25.

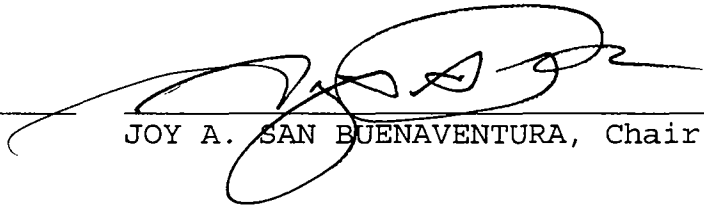
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3126, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services and Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB3126	Committee Referral: HHS/PSM, WAM	Date: 2/2/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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***Only one measure per Record of Votes**