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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB1425
RELATING TO THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 3, 2025, 1:00PM, Room Number: 225

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Position:** The Department SUPPORTS this measure and offers comments.
- 3 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. The EMSIPS
- 4 Branch provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.
- 5 Established through HRS §321-225, the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
- 6 (EMSAC), within the Department of Health, provides advisory support on the state's emergency
- 7 medical services (EMS) system.
- 8 EMSAC is comprised of twenty members designated by statute, however, meetings are
- 9 attended both in person and virtually by over fifty community members and healthcare
- 10 professionals. Meeting the current quorum requirement of 11 members has sometimes proven
- 11 challenging due to the nature of the members who are part of the emergency medical services
- 12 system and are often called away suddenly. Changing the quorum requirements would ensure
- 13 that meetings once posted could be held for the remaining 7 members and community and
- 14 professional members in attendance instead of being cancelled on the day of the meeting.
- 15 Seven (7) has proven to be a reasonable number to ensure quorum at meetings to allow for
- 16 critical discussions to occur.

1 **Offered Amendments:** None.