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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE:

S.B. No. 1282

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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1282 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the shortage of mobile intensive care technicians and paramedics in Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure makes an appropriation of \$300,000, for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to establish the emergency medical technician training stipend program.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that there is a shortage of qualified mobile intensive care technicians and paramedics in Hawaii. The State needs a minimum of an additional fifty mobile intensive care technicians or paramedics. The lack of local training programs has exacerbated the problem, especially on the neighbor islands. Additionally, the difficulties in job advancement due to the financial cost of training have resulted in a high attrition rate. Given the anticipated system growth and attrition, this shortage will only worsen in the coming years.

Your Committee finds that it is in the public's interest to ensure local training programs are available. Therefore, your



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Committee finds the appropriation made by this measure to be a necessary and valuable use of the State's resources.

This measure was amended to make a grammatical correction.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1282, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1282, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

Amid J DAVID Y. ISE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)		V			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)		V			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		/_			
MENOR, Ron		<i>'</i>			
WHALEN, Paul					
TOTAL		4			1
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
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