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H.B. 363, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 9:00 am

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this bill provided that its passage does not
2 replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates 1.75 million dollars in FY2014 for the demolition of the Ewa Beach
4 Fire Station and the construction of a new ambulance facility.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supported Act 268 of the 2012 Legislature for a
6 new ambulance unit in Ewa Beach, Oahu. The new unit was needed to mitigate the closure of Hawaii
7 Medical Center West, and also to serve the growing population of Ewa and West Oahu.

8 The Honolulu Fire Department has vacated its Ewa Fire Station moving into a new station. This
9 location is ideal for the new Ewa ambulance unit which opened this past summer operating out of a
10 temporary location in Ewa. The former fire station's building is not suitable for a new ambulance unit. The
11 need an additional unit in West Oahu is unchanged and therefore we recommend it become a permanent unit
12 and support the construction of a new facility to house the ambulance vehicle and its personnel.

13 We respectfully request that the funds be appropriated directly to the City and County of
14 Honolulu for this project.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Promoting Lifelong Health & Wellness



January 30, 2013

To: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Members, House Committee on Public Safety

From: Tim Shestek, Senior Director
State Affairs

Re: **HB 363 - comments**

On behalf of the member companies of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), thank you for the opportunity to offer the following comments regarding HB 363. As drafted, the bill would require an appropriation of funds to construct a new emergency medical services facility that is exclusively certified as having met the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard.

ACC supports the construction of buildings that save energy, use materials that promote resource conservation and offer employees a safe and healthy working environment. Building green is a complex undertaking that requires a fair, open, and science-based evaluation process that allows all materials and products to compete on a level playing field. Many "green building" tools are available to architects, policymakers and others that combine life-cycle costs and assessment data to discern environmental and economic tradeoffs, allow for a fair comparison of products and rely on standards developed by consensus-based groups.

Our concern is that the legislation exclusively references only the LEED system. In our view, this language unfairly promotes one green building tool at the expense of other, perhaps more appropriate tools that could be available to meet local needs.

Other "green building" tools are available in the market place, such as the Green Globes environmental assessment and rating system for the commercial sector. Green Globes is a product of the Green Building Initiative (GBI), whose mission is to "promote practical green building approaches to energy efficient and environmentally sustainable building practices commonly referred to as "green building." GBI is focused on ensuring the availability of credible and practical green building approaches within the residential and commercial construction industries." Green Globes is a performance based, material neutral, affordable, and is "life-cycle" oriented.

In addition, the current statewide statute pertaining to green building construction for state facilities references both LEED and Green Globes. Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 196-9 reads in part:

[§196-9] Energy efficiency and environmental standards for state facilities, motor vehicles, and transportation fuel. (a) Each agency is directed to implement, to the extent possible, the following goals during planning and budget preparation and program implementation.

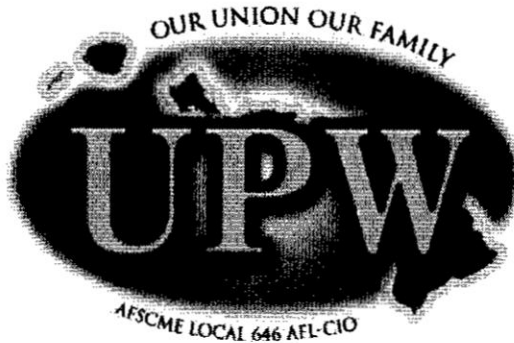
(b) With regard to buildings and facilities, each agency shall:

(1) Design and construct buildings meeting the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design silver or two green globes rating system or another comparable state-approved, nationally recognized, and consensus-based guideline, standard, or system, except when the guideline, standard, or system interferes or conflicts with the use of the building or facility as an emergency shelter;



ACC encourages you to amend HB 363 so that any reference to “green building” certification be consistent with existing state law. Thank you in advance for considering our views. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or ACC’s Hawai’i based representatives Red Morris and/or John Radcliffe at 808-531-4551.





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The Honorable Rep. Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair

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**TESTIMONY ON HB363 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports HB 363 that appropriates general funds to the department of health to demolish the Ewa Beach fire facility and construct a LEED certified emergency medical services facility at the same location.

With the closure of Hawaii Medical Center's hospital in Ewa Beach and Liliha, the residents of West Oahu have been negatively impacted. The building of this LEED facility will ensure that residents will have access to critical emergency medical services and more importantly, save lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.