STAND. COM. REP. NO. ID40

Honolulu, Hawaii

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H.B. No. 464 RE:

H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 464, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the purchase of one ambulance vehicle and operational costs for one ambulance unit to service the area of Kakaako in the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Emergency Services Department, Emergency Medical Service Division; United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the population of the area of Kakaako in the City and County of Honolulu has recently undergone a dramatic increase in population. Correspondingly, there has been a steady and marked increase of calls for emergency medical services in the Kakaako area. According to testimony received by your Committee, the total call volume for the Emergency Medical Service Division of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department has increased eighteen percent over the last four years. Over half of the total call volume for the Emergency Medical Service Division is run by seven units, primarily in the urban Honolulu area. measure appropriates funds for an additional ambulance unit for the rapidly growing Kakaako area, which will allow for a more even distribution of call coverage and decrease overall response time for emergency medical services.

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 H.B. No. 464, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

TOCH CREEN Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Health HTH

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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
GREEN, Josh (C)		X			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)					X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		×			
GABBARD, Mike		×			
RIVIERE, Gil		۶			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		<u> </u>			
SLOM, Sam		<u> </u>			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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