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Testimony COMMENTING on HCR 113 URGING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR A CENTRALLY LOCATED AMBULANCE STATION IN EWA BEACH.

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Hearing Date: Thurs, March 24, 2016 10:15am Room Number: 329

1 Fiscal Implications: This resolution does not appropriate any funding to the State EMS budget

- 2 for the renovation of the vacant Ewa Beach fire station located on Pohakupuna Road. The
- 3 Department respectfully defers to the Governor's Executive Budget for the DOH's
- 4 appropriations and personnel priorities.

5 Department Testimony: The Department of Health (DOH) recognizes the Legislature's desire

6 to utilize an existing abandoned fire station instead of renting garage space at the golf course. A

7 similar request to the Legislature in 2013 was not funded. Due diligence will be required to

- 8 compare the costs of rent between both locations. Additionally, the status of the abandoned fire
- 9 station and state of the building (structural soundness, wiring, plumbing, asbestos insulation
- 10 present, renovation needs, and new furniture and appliances) will need to be described. This
- 11 may require obtaining price estimates from structural engineers and general contractors.
- 12 Should this pass, costs are to be determined, and requisite funds to cover renovations, rent, and
- 13 upkeep would need to be added to the DOH Budget.
- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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