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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB 1281
Relating to Health**

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates \$2,374,237.98 of general funds in fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-
2 2017. The measure requests the state Department of Health to assist the city and county of Honolulu to
3 operate an additional ambulance unit.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department recognizes the significant challenges to providing health care
5 and emergency services to the Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt Lake, and Foster Village Communities.
6 The Department is projecting a shortfall in general funds to fund the existing ambulance contracts
7 across the state for FY16 and FY17. The Department respectfully defers to the Governor's Executive
8 Budget request for the Department of Health's appropriations and personnel priorities. Funding an
9 additional unit would have a negative impact on existing services.

10 This measure seeks to augment the City and County emergency medical services system for the
11 residents and visitors of the Moanalua, Aliamanu, Red Hill, Salt Lake, and Foster Village areas. The
12 Honolulu City and County Emergency Medical Services currently operates 19 ground ambulances on the
13 island of Oahu. The last unit added was Ewa Beach in fiscal year 2013. Honolulu City and County has
14 budgeted funds to secure and administer a backup 911 contract with American Medical Response to aid
15 with increased 911 calls.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

17 **Offered Amendments:** none

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