

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1790
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1790 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the availability of emergency medical response resources by appropriating funds to the Department of Health to purchase necessary equipment and resources for ambulance units, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, on the counties of Kauai and Hawai'i.

A Kauai County Councilmember; Hawaii County Councilmember; Honolulu Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu; Kauai Emergency Medical Services; Hawaii State Association of Counties; AMR Air Hawaii; American Medical Response; Hawaii Pacific Health; Kauai Paramedics Association; and two concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Health provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.



Your Committee notes that this measure is the preferred vehicle to assist the County of Kauai compared to H.B. No. 1676 H.D.1, which was previously heard by this Committee. Your Committee respectfully notes to the Committee on Finance that the estimated cost for the purchase of the necessary equipment and resources for ambulance units is \$3,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1790, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1790, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



