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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE
STATE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM TO
IDENTIFY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS AND PROPOSE INITIATIVES TO
IMPROVE THE SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
2 administering and maintaining the State Comprehensive Emergency
3 Medical Services System by planning, coordinating, and providing
4 assistance to all public and private entities and agencies
5 involved in the state system, and ensuring that all emergency
6 medical services or ambulance services conducted by or under the
7 authorization of the Department of Health or any county are
8 consistent with part XVIII, chapter 321, Hawaii Revised
9 Statutes; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
12 System provides for the arrangement of personnel, facilities,
13 and equipment, primarily in the pre-hospital setting, for the
14 effective and coordinated delivery of health care services under
15 emergency conditions, irrespective of the cause of the emergency
16 conditions; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services
19 System provides personnel, personnel training, communications,
20 emergency transportation, facilities, coordination with
21 emergency medical and critical care services, coordination and
22 use of available public safety agencies, promotion of consumer
23 participation, accessibility to care, mandatory standard medical
24 recordkeeping, consumer information and education, independent
25 review and evaluation, disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements,
26 and other components necessary to meet the purposes of the state
27 comprehensive system; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
30 establishing standards for emergency medical services, an
31 emergency medical services system consistent with the State
32 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System and applicable
33 federal guidelines for those services, and regulation of



1 ambulances within the State, including the certification of
2 vehicles, equipment, supplies, and communication systems; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory
5 Committee is administratively attached to the Department of
6 Health and serves the Department in an advisory capacity on all
7 matters relating to the State Comprehensive Emergency Medical
8 Services System; and
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10 WHEREAS, in consultation with the State Emergency Medical
11 Services Advisory Committee, the Department of Health is
12 responsible for determining the levels of emergency medical
13 services that are implemented in each county; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is authorized to contract
16 to provide emergency medical services, including emergency
17 aeromedical services, or any necessary component of a county
18 emergency services system in accordance with the State
19 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for
22 establishing reasonable fees for services rendered to the public
23 by the Department of Health, any county, or private agency; and
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25 WHEREAS, to fulfill the duties of the Emergency Medical
26 Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, it is imperative
27 that the Department of Health strive to ensure that the State
28 Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System is efficiently
29 maintained and effectively provides emergency services; now,
30 therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
33 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
34 Department of Health is requested to conduct a study on the
35 State Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services System to
36 identify issues and problems and propose initiatives to improve
37 the system; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
40 requested to submit to the Legislature a written report of its
41 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2020; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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