

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

959

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2019

RE: S.B. No. 417

S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 417, S.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 require health insurers and like entities to provide coverage for ambulance services and for statewide community paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

This measure also requires and appropriates funds for the state Medicaid program to provide ambulance services and authorizes the program to provide coverage for statewide community paramedicine services rendered by emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, American Medical Response, and Kaiser Permanente.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Attorney General and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Insurance Division.



Your Committee finds that coverage of services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics will ensure patient access to quality health care.

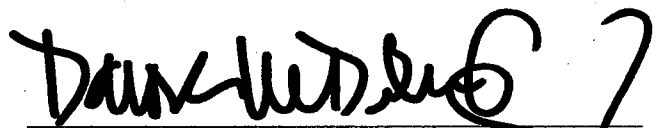
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a new section to the measure to require group accident and health or sickness insurance policies to also provide coverage for ambulance services and statewide services rendered by emergency medical technicians or paramedics;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

Your Committee notes that the state Medicaid program needs an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for each year of fiscal biennium 2019-2021 in order to provide the coverage for ambulance services required under this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 417, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 417, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>SB417 SDI</i>	<i>CPH/HMS, WAM</i>	<i>2/19/19</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				X
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	8			5
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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