

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2778

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2020

RE: S.B. No. 3091

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3091 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Medical Board to certify emergency medical technicians other than emergency ambulance services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Fire Council, Honolulu Fire Department, Hawai'i Fire Department, Kaua'i Fire Department, Maui Fire Department, Honolulu Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board.


Your Committee finds that emergency medical technicians are an integral component of Hawaii's emergency medical system. Emergency medical technicians are expected to respond and are being dispatched by the State's 911 system to provide emergency medical care. Despite this, existing law only certifies emergency ambulance personnel and not emergency medical technicians who have completed a certification at the national level. Your Committee believes that the State should have some degree of oversight regarding training and performance by emergency medical



technicians to better ensure the safety of the public. This measure will supply the State with additional emergency medical responders by requiring the Hawaii Medical Board to certify emergency medical technicians who have completed the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3091 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs,



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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**  
**PSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 3091</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, CPH</b>	Date: <b>2/11/2020</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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