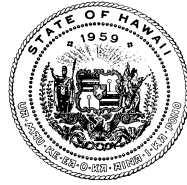


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**Testimony COMMENTING on S.B.3091
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
HOUSE/SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 19, 2020

Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the intent of S.B.3091 and
- 3 offers comments.
- 4 DOH recommends the only training requirement for Emergency Medical Technician – Basic
- 5 (EMT-B) licensure be a valid and current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
- 6 (NREMT) certificate.
- 7 DOH recommends and supports there be no location or employer restriction for holding a valid
- 8 EMT-B or paramedic license in the State of Hawaii. This would be similar to other health care
- 9 professional licensing.
- 10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 3091, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical (Board). The Board offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to enable the Board to certify emergency medical technicians other than emergency ambulance services.

The Board reviewed this bill at its meeting on February 13, 2020. The Board offers the following comments regarding this bill: Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) section 16-85-54 sets forth the current requirements for certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). HAR section 16-85-54 requires, among other things, that an EMT applicant provide evidence of: (1) completion of an EMT program; (2) completion of didactic training in cardiac defibrillation and IV access from a state-approved EMT program; (3) completion of 96 hours of clinical training obtained through a Board-approved agency; (4) passage of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) EMT examination; and (5) current certification as an EMT with the NREMT.

If enacted, this bill would remove the requirements that an EMT applicant provide evidence of successful completion of didactic training in cardiac defibrillation and IV access from a state-approved EMT program, as well as completion of 96 hours of clinical training obtained through a Board-approved agency. By removing these requirements, the Board would not be able to confirm whether the EMT: (1) received this appropriate training; and (2) can perform the general functions of an EMT as demarcated in HAR section 16-85-59, which states: “(a) The scope of practice of an

EMT shall be restricted to the performance of basic emergency medical care and transportation of patients, cardiac defibrillation, and IV access.”

Based upon this information, the Board offers the enclosed proposed S.D. 1 for the Committee’s consideration. If the intent of this measure is to allow emergency medical service personnel to work in any setting, and not only on ambulances, then proposed S.D. 1 addresses that issue. Further, proposed S.D. 1 in no way limits certain professionals such as firefighters, ocean safety lifeguards, or police officers from obtaining higher levels of certification by the Board, so long as they meet the specific requirements for certification.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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PROPOSED S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that current state laws relating to the certification of emergency medical personnel address only emergency ambulance service personnel and do not address all emergency medical technicians who successfully complete the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification that is based upon the national curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation. These other technicians include firefighters and ocean safety lifeguards, who provide emergency medical care to patients but do not work in an ambulance.

The purpose of this Act is to enable the Hawaii medical board to also certify emergency medical responders other than emergency ambulance personnel.

SECTION 2. Section 453-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

"§453-31 Emergency [ambulance] service personnel. The practice of any emergency medical services by any individual

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1 employed by an emergency [~~ambulance~~] service who is not licensed
2 under this chapter or under chapter 457 shall be subject to
3 certification under this part. In the event of any conflict
4 between this part and any rules adopted under section 453-2,
5 this part shall control with regard to emergency [~~ambulance~~]
6 service personnel.

7 The Hawaii medical board shall define the scope of the
8 practice of emergency medical services, different levels of the
9 practice, and degree of supervision required of a supervising
10 physician or osteopathic physician when a person certified under
11 this part provides services within the practice of medicine."

12 SECTION 3. Section 453-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 **"§453-32 Certification of emergency [~~ambulance~~] personnel.**

15 The Hawaii medical board shall certify individuals as qualified
16 in emergency medical services upon application therefor;
17 provided that the applicant for certification:

- 18 (1) Holds a certificate from the National Registry of
19 Emergency Medical Technicians, has satisfactorily
20 passed a course of training in emergency medical
21 services for emergency [~~ambulance~~] services personnel

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1 which shall be based on the national curriculum of the
2 United States Department of Transportation and
3 approved by the board, and meets other standards and
4 qualifications, including passage of an examination,
5 set by the board of medical examiners pertinent to the
6 practice of emergency medical services in Hawaii;

7 (2) Meets continuing education requirements which shall be
8 set by the Hawaii medical board; and

9 (3) Meets other qualifications set by the Hawaii medical
10 board.

11 The board shall directly review the credentials of applicants
12 and administer examinations required. Certification under this
13 section shall be a prerequisite to the practice of emergency
14 medical services as an employee of an emergency [~~ambulance~~]
15 service.

16 The Hawaii medical board shall provide standard application
17 forms for the certification of emergency [~~ambulance~~] personnel
18 and shall provide for the periodic renewal of such
19 certification. The board of medical examiners shall assess a fee
20 for such application, certification, and renewal. The Hawaii
21 medical board shall provide for the revocation, suspension, or

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1 limitation of certification in the event an individual once
2 certified under this section fails to maintain or meet
3 requirements for continued certification, or for good cause
4 shown."

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

BY REQUEST

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February 18, 2020

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 3091 Relating to Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support SB 3091, which enables the Hawaii medical board to certify emergency medical technicians (EMTs) who are not employed by an emergency ambulance service.

County and state fire departments are an integral component of Hawaii's EMS system. County and state fire departments are expected to correspond and being dispatched by Hawaii's 911 system to provide emergency medical care. The Revised Charter of the City and County Honolulu mandates the HFD to "provide emergency medical care."

SB 3091 will allow the state to have a degree of oversight regarding training and performance by county and state fire department EMTs. In addition, passage of SB 3091 will supply the state with approximately 1,400 additional licensed EMTs in the event of a mass disaster.

Approximately 80% of the HFD's 1,100 fire fighters are certified by the National Registry of EMTs. Of the 58,000 incidents the HFD responded to in 2019, 69% were EMS-related. Unsuccessful passage of SB 3091 would result in a substantial downgrade in the level of care provided by county and state fire department EMTs and negatively impact the outcomes of thousands of EMS patients.

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The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 3091.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

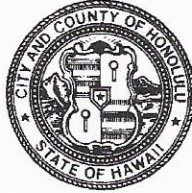
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.P.N.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

MPN/GL:cn

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February 18, 2020

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
And Members
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, #229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB3091 Relating to Emergency Services
In Support

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department which manages both the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Ocean Safety Lifeguard Services Divisions (OSD) for the City and County of Honolulu is in support of this measure.

The Department supports the intent of SB3091 as it is consistent with the recommendations of the 2019 Reassessment of Hawaii's Emergency Medical Services System by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Department has the following comments:

The Department agrees that the provision of EMS services at the EMT level should be licensed by the State of Hawaii to ensure the proper practice of pre-hospital emergency medicine at the entry point into the EMS system.

The Department has not had the opportunity to fully evaluate the financial and legal implications of the proposed legislation.

The Department requests the opportunity to fully evaluate the proposed legislation on the issues of workforce development and employee training and certification standards.

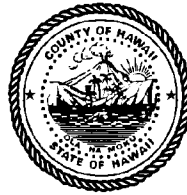
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the issue of major importance to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James D. Howe, Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

James D. Howe, Jr.
Director

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February 18, 2020

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection
and Health
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: S.B. 3091, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2020
Time/Place of Hearing: 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 229

I am Darren J. Rosario, Vice Chairman of the Hawai'i State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD strongly supports SB 3091, which enables the Hawaii medical board to certify emergency medical technicians (EMTs) who are not employed by an emergency ambulance service.

The HCFD is the only County Fire Based EMS provider in the State and is not impacted by the current language in the existing rules governing certification of emergency medical technicians of employees not employed by and emergency ambulance service. However, The HCFD is in strong support of this bill to change the language to provide for such certification to our peer departments and public safety organizations throughout the State. Our peers provide the base layer within an effective Emergency Medical System.

Having reviewed the opposing testimony during the initial hearing, I would like to stress that this measure will provide a solid EMS foundation base allowing for optimum pre-hospital care. Your local Fire, Police, and Water Safety Officers are your first on the scene of medical and traumatic injury emergencies. This measure would properly recognize the work that these fine men and women do.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2903 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3091.

Respectfully,

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief





**KAUA'I FIRE DEPARTMENT
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I**

**DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**ROBERT F. WESTERMAN
FIRE CHIEF**

Testimony of Robert F. Westerman
Fire Chief, Kaua'i Fire Department

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
February 19, 2020; 10:00 am
Conference Room 229

In consideration of
Senate Bill 3091
Relating to Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The State Fire Council (SFC) and the Kaua'i Fire Department (KFD) **support** SB 3091, which enables the Hawaii medical board to certify emergency medical technicians (EMTs) who are not employed by an emergency ambulance service.

County and state fire departments are an integral component of the Hawai'i's EMS system. County and state fire departments are expected to correspond and are being dispatched by Hawai'i's 911 system to provide emergency medical care.

SB 3091 will allow the state to have a degree of oversight regarding training and performance by county and state fire department EMTs. In addition, passage of SB 3091 will supply the state with approximately 1,400 additional licensed EMTs in the event of a mass disaster.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's support on the passage of SB 3091.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Westerman
Fire Chief

RFW/LR:st



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Submitted on: 2/18/2020 8:46:10 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Michael Stevens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Comments:

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Chas Bazell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: