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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AMBULANCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that residents of the  
2 island of Hawaii would greatly benefit from the addition of an  
3 advanced life support ambulance to augment the Hawaii county  
4 emergency medical services system for residents of the Makalei  
5 area. The population of this area has increased significantly  
6 over time, resulting in a steady increase in calls for emergency  
7 medical services.

8           The legislature further finds that access to primary health  
9 care in Makalei is challenging for the community. For many  
10 residents, primary care services are located as far as thirty  
11 miles away. Consequently, emergency medical services have  
12 become the health care access point for many residents. It has  
13 become common for paramedics to respond to as many as ten calls  
14 for emergency medical transportation during a twenty-four hour  
15 shift. The potential for fatigue resulting in errors in  
16 judgment, driving, and overall safety are of great concern for  
17 personnel and residents.



1           The legislature also finds that an additional advanced life  
2 support ambulance will help reduce death and disability among  
3 residents and visitors to the county of Hawaii. A timely  
4 response to a 911 call is critical to increasing the likelihood  
5 of successful outcomes for injured or sick individuals. Given  
6 the island's significant growth and aging population, one  
7 additional advanced life support ambulance is both necessary and  
8 cost-effective.

9           The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to purchase  
10 one advanced life support ambulance to be based in the Makalei  
11 area in the county of Hawaii, and related equipment, and pay  
12 related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical  
13 services personnel.

14           SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the emergency  
15 medical services special fund the sum of \$           or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the  
17 purchase of one advanced life support ambulance based in Makalei  
18 in the county of Hawaii, and related equipment, and pay related  
19 personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services  
20 personnel.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 health for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DOH; Emergency Medical Services; Advanced Life Support  
Ambulance; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the purchase of one advanced life support ambulance based in Makalei in the county of Hawaii, and related equipment and personnel costs. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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