

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 315

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2021

RE: S.B. No. 283
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 283 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require Medicaid and insurance coverage of ambulance services;
- (2) Authorize Medicaid programs, and require private insurers, to pay for community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and
- (3) Appropriate monies for costs resulting from Medicaid coverage of ambulance service and community paramedicine services provided by emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Medical Service Association, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, American Medical Response, and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services.



Your Committees find that community paramedicine programs can help address a few important issues in healthcare, such as improving access to primary and preventive care, ensuring that services are triaged appropriately, and alleviating the overburdened hospital emergency department. This measure mandates Medicaid and insurance coverage of ambulance and community paramedicine services.

Your Committees heard the testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, which noted that a measure that mandates health insurance coverage for specific health services requires the Auditor to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature that assesses both the social and financial effects of the proposed mandated coverage.

Therefore, your Committees have amended this measure by:


- (1) Requiring the Auditor to prepare a report that assesses the social and financial effects of mandating coverage of ambulance and community paramedicine services; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 283, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 283, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair




JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 283	HTH/HMS, WAM/CPN	02/09/2021		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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