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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 1245 H.D. 1
RELATING TO AMBULANCES**

REP. Mark M. Nakashima, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Hearing Date: Feb. 16, 2023

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Funding estimated at \$1,600,000 annually would be needed for the
2 Department of Health to implement this measure plus any annual cost-of-living increases. The
3 Department requests that passage of any appropriations in this measure does not replace or
4 adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive supplemental budget request.

5 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) appreciates the intent of H.B. 1245
6 H.D. 1.

7 Central Maui may be defined as the towns of Kahului, Wailuku, and Paia. Currently, there is 1
8 ambulance stationed in Kahului and 1 in Wailuku. The population of central Maui between 2010
9 – 2020 increased 9.0% from 50,215 to 54,721. Ambulance run data collected between 2017 –
10 2022 reveals annual transports averaged 3,900. Ambulance response times averaged 8.8 minutes.

11 Although the bill as written appropriates \$1.5 million for a second ambulance for Central Maui,
12 the FY23 price is \$1.6 million.

13 Although response times are relatively low, given the population is increasing, a central
14 ambulance may be needed in the near future.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

16 **Offered Amendments:**

1 None

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Tiffany Lightfoot	American Medical Response	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

AMR ambulance has been serving Maui County's pre-hospital emergency medical service needs for over 40 years. Protecting the health and safety of Maui residents and visitors is important to us. An additional ambulance will help protect more lives by increasing the availability of this lifesaving service.

Please accept this testimony in support of HB1245.

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William Bailey	AMR	Support	In Person

Comments:

In support of HB1245.

Council Chair
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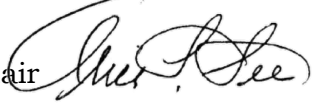
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TO: The Honorable Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair,
and Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1245, HD1, RELATING TO RELATING TO AMBULANCES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the purchase of an advanced life-support ambulance and related equipment to be based in Central Maui and to fund pay-related costs for State-certified emergency medical services personnel.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The significant population growth in Central Maui warrants additional emergency services.
2. The area would benefit greatly from adding an advanced life-support ambulance, related equipment, and personnel (one emergency medical technician and one paramedic).
3. An additional ambulance would help reduce death and disability among visitors and residents by ensuring timely response to 911 emergency calls.
4. This measure is consistent with Maui Island Plan policy 4.6.1.f: "Encourage expansion and improved access to emergency care in all communities."

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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