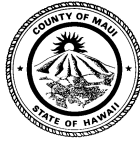


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March 13, 2023

TO: The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 15, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1245, HD1, 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. An additional ambulance would help reduce death and disability among visitors and residents by ensuring timely response to 911 emergency calls.
3. 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.

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
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March 14, 2023

TO: Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Honorable Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor

DATE: March 14, 2023

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB1245 HD1, 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 purchase one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment to be based in the central Maui area of the County of Maui, and to fund pay-related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Central Maui has experienced substantial population growth that warrants additional emergency services, and the area would benefit significantly from the addition of an advanced life-support ambulance, related equipment, and personnel.
2. This measure would help reduce death and disability among visitors and residents by ensuring timely response to 911 emergency calls.
3. This measure is consistent with the Maui Island Plan policy 4.6.1f: "Encourage expansion and improved access to emergency care in all communities."

For the foregoing reasons, I offer my **SUPPORT** of this measure.

HB-1245-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 8:20:14 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Bailey	Testifying for AMR	Support	In Person

Comments:

In strong support. Thanks.

HB-1245-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2023 3:41:32 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Rose	Testifying for MauiCounty Paramedics Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The central Maui community has needed another ambulance for years.

HB-1245-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2023 8:34:01 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heidi Wirtz	Testifying for GMR/AMR	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am support of maui county needing another ambulance.



Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of
Lisa H. Paulson
Executive Director
Maui Hotel & Lodging Association

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

House Bill 1245 HD1: Relating to Ambulances

March 15, 2023, 1:00 pm

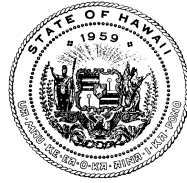
Conference Room 225

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of the visitor industry for Maui County. We represent over 180 property and allied business members and 22,000 employees. **MHLA supports House Bill 1245 HD1**, which appropriates funds to the department of health for the purchase of one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment to be based in central Maui, and to fund pay-related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel.

Maui would benefit significantly from adding an advanced life-support ambulance, related equipment, and personnel (one emergency medical technician and one paramedic). An additional ambulance would help reduce death and disability among visitors and residents by responding promptly to 911 emergency calls. There have been multiple occasions where responding units come from outlying districts to assist the growing call volume resulting in longer response times for both the outlying area where no ambulance is available and the area of demand, which can, unfortunately, lead to poor patient outcomes.

For the reasons stated above, **MHLA supports House Bill 1245 HD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: Mar. 15, 2023

Room Number: 225

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

HB-1245-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2023 11:43:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ella snelten	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of bill HB1245 for a new central Maui ambulance.

HB-1245-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2023 1:08:47 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse Aloy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom this may concern,

I am submitting testimony on HB1245 HD1, additional ambulance in Central Maui.

I am currently the Operations Team Leader for the Kihei ambulance station on Maui and am concerned about the lack of adequate EMS coverage in the Central Maui area. As you all know, the population and infrastructure on Maui County has grown tremendously over the past 2 decades, however, there has been NO increase in EMS ground units. We currently have 1 ground unit to cover the Central Maui area, which includes areas from Kahakuloa to Paia town to halfway Upcountry and Kihei, and all the way to the Pali tunnel. Without needing to be said, this is an ENORMOUS district for 1 ambulance unit to handle. If you look at call volume, there is no district in comparison that comes close to what volumes this 1 ground unit handles. If the Unit is out on a call, the next incoming ground unit comes from Kihei, which is at least a 15 min response time. Valuable minutes to be said. This, in turn, leads to longer wait times for persons needing immediate services. Obviously, not ideal for anyone who is needing immediate care primarily in the Central Maui area.

That being said, please strongly consider the addition of another ground ambulance for the Central Maui area as this will greatly serve the Maui community as a whole!

Respectfully,

Jesse Aloy

Operations Team Leader, Kihei ambulance station

HB-1245-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 1:24:49 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas S Raymer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of the addition of a new ambulance unit within the central Maui district for reasons of increased population and call volume. With the intention of appropriate response times and availability, EMS can best serve our community, residence and visitors alike.

Mahalo for your time,

Nicholas Raymer

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HB-1245-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 10:03:05 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shayna-Lynn Hill	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support for an additional ALS ambulance in central Maui. With the increase in residence being built in the Wailuku / Waikapu area, the population in central Maui will expand further and further. Currently with only one central Maui ambulance to serve Wailuku, Waikapu, Kahului, and Kahakuloa the emergency service is spread thin. An increase in visitors to Maui support the need for another ambulance. We are in need of an additional ALS ambulance in the central Maui, without it we are doing a great disservice to the community.
Mahalo