STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1764

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 390 S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 390, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset date of section 2 of Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, and make permanent the ability of the Hawaii Medical Board to issue licenses for emergency medical responders and other emergency ambulance personnel, based on certain requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, as amended by Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, temporarily established a licensure category for emergency medical technicians who only have a National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician certification. These emergency medical technicians provide life-saving care with minimal equipment to critical care patients. This measure makes permanent the requirement that the Hawaii Medical Board issue licenses in four levels of emergency response practice and the establishment of an additional licensure

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category for emergency medical technicians who are certified at a higher practice level than emergency medical technicians but do not provide ambulance services.

Your Committee further finds that the development of an emergency medical response workforce is critical to the resilience and peace of mind of the State's residents. Part of the development of an adequate emergency medical response is ensuring the availability of appropriate emergency medical response vehicles, including air ambulances.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Appropriating an unspecified sum to increase the predictability and stability of the State's air ambulance services for all islands; provided that all funds be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the counties;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 390, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 390, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health & Homelessness,

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 390, SD1		Committee Referral: HLT, LPL			Date: 3/17/23							
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.												
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) 												
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