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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 1245 H.D. 2  
RELATING TO AMBULANCES**

REP. Kyle T. Yamashita, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: Feb. 27, 2023

Room Number: 308

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. 2.

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: 2/26/2023 8:40:08 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/27/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Bailey	AMR	Support	In Person

Comments:

In strong support!



*Maui Hotel & Lodging*  
ASSOCIATION

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

House Committee on Finances  
**House Bill 1245 HD1: Relating to Ambulances**  
February 27, 2023, 10:00 am  
Conference Room 308

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.

**HB-1245-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tiffany Lightfoot	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Protecting the health and safety of Maui residents and visitors is important. An additional ambulance will help protect more lives by increasing the availability of this lifesaving service.

Please accept this testimony in support of HB1245 HD1.

**HB-1245-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Mullalley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support HB1245, to provide life safety support on Maui. Tourism is spiking and creates more demand on emergency medical services that includes: ocean safety, police, fire, and ambulance. Funding another ambulance will be the first step to providing more effective services on Maui.

Also contributing to the demand is the aging population that do not have basic care or support. Such as tutu had a fall and needs help getting up, hospice patients that need lifting, or independent living residences that do not provide first aid.

The homeless transients are also creating a demand on services. Callers often report when they are asleep on the side of the road or at the park. Calling 911 is often a solution for a warm bed or medication.

Yes, most of the demand on emergency services are not emergencies. However, when the 911 system is activated for these non-emergencies the resources our depleted.

As a Fire Captain in South Maui, I understand the high demand for emergency service and the challenge to maintain available additional resources. Thank you for any consideration of HB1245, another ambulance resource.

Mike Mullalley

**HB-1245-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicholina Tompkins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Central Maui is in need of a new ambulance service for county of Maui so we can improve patient care and response times.

**HB-1245-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 8:27:02 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Miles	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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