STAND. COM. REP. NO. **740** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3126

S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an emergency aeromedical services partnership program administered by the Department of Health in partnership with rural counties.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation - West Hawaii Region; one member of the Maui County Council; one member of the Hawaiii County Council; Hawaiii Fire Department; Maui Fire Department; The Queen's Health System; Hawaii Pacific Health; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Global Medical Response; Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, Inc.; Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Mauna Kea Resort; Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union; Friends of First Responders; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Indivisible Hawaiii Healthcare Team; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two

individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i.

Your Committees find that the State is currently serviced by a single private sector air ambulance provider. Although commercial airlines sometimes transport patients, the commercial carriers are not equipped for advanced life support patients. As a result, if the private air ambulance service is not operational, there are few transportation options available for sick patients. Your Committees further find that a partnership that would share the cost of an air ambulance, such as the one between the Department of Health and the County of Maui, is one means of improving emergency aeromedical services in the State. Your Committees believe that implementing the Maui model across the State will increase the availability of aeromedical transport to all the State's residents. Your Committees note that, excluding the initial cost of purchasing a suitable air ambulance vehicle, the yearly cost of operating one air ambulance unit would be approximately \$4,000,000.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health & Homelessness and Transportation,

CHRIS TODD, Chair

DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health & Homelessness

SB3126, SD1	Committee Referral: HLT/TRN, FIN	Date:	3/19/24	f			
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)							
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)							
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)							
3. AMATO, Terez							
4. ILAGAN, Greggor				-426.3			
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5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand		5-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-	11. (2.10)				
6. MARTEN, Lisa			·				
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.							
8. GARCIA, Diamond							
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The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted							
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.							
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

SB3126, SD1 Committee	Referral:	IN Date:	19/24				
☐ 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)							
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. TODD, Chris (C)	V		,				
2. KILA, Darius K. (VC)							
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3. AIU, Micah P.K.	V						
4. EVSLIN, Luke A.	V						
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5. KITAGAWA, Lisa	V						
6. MIYAKE, Tyson K.							
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7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	V						
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8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren							
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TOTAL (8)	6	,					
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. Committee acronym(s)							
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