

# S.B. NO. 1425

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 321-225, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) The advisory committee shall be composed of twenty  
4 members: three nonvoting ex-officio members, who shall be the  
5 director of transportation, the adjutant general, and the  
6 administrator of the state health planning and development  
7 agency, or the designated representatives thereof, and seventeen  
8 members representing all counties of the State who shall be  
9 appointed by the governor subject to section 26-34 as follows:

10           (1) Five members who shall be physicians experienced in  
11 the conduct and delivery of emergency medical  
12 services; provided that at least two shall be engaged  
13 in the practice of emergency medicine and be board-  
14 eligible or board-certified by the American Board of  
15 Emergency Medicine, and provided further that at least  
16 one physician shall be engaged in the practice of

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1           pediatrics and be board-eligible or board-certified by  
2           the American Board of Pediatrics;

3           (2) Four members who shall be consumers of health care and  
4           who shall have no connection with or relationship to  
5           the health care system of the State and who shall be  
6           representative of all counties;

7           (3) Four members of allied health professions related to  
8           emergency medical services; and

9           (4) Four members, one from each county, who shall be  
10          mobile intensive care technicians or emergency medical  
11          technicians engaged in the practice of pre-hospital  
12          emergency medical service.

13       The members of the advisory committee shall serve without  
14       compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses  
15       incurred in the performance of their duties, including travel  
16       expenses. The chairperson of the advisory committee shall be  
17       elected by the members from among their numbers. [~~A majority of~~  
18       ~~the members of the advisory committee]~~ A total of seven members  
19       of the advisory committee, who have been appointed by the  
20       governor and whose terms have not expired, shall constitute a  
21       quorum for the conduct of business of the advisory committee. A  
22       majority vote of the members present at a meeting at which a

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1 quorum is established shall be necessary to validate any action  
2 of the committee."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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BY REQUEST

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**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
Committee; Quorum

**Description:**

Amends the quorum requirement for the State Emergency Medical  
Services Advisory Committee.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Health

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

PURPOSE: Amend quorum requirements of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee from eleven to seven members.

MEANS: Amend section 321-225, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee is comprised of twenty members. Establishing a quorum to conduct business is routinely challenging because many of the members are part of the emergency medical services system and are consequently often unavailable to attend meetings.

Impact on the public: This bill will improve service delivery to the public if decisions on the state system can be made more quickly than is currently possible.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: HTH 730.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.