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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1752 HD1
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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March 20, 2026

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

The Department of Defense provides written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HB1752 HD1**.

This bill will update the membership of the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) by replacing myself as the Adjutant General with the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA).

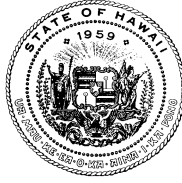
This is a practical and pragmatic step to keep our emergency response system aligned with today's realities. HIEMA is the state agency that coordinates statewide emergency management and disaster response, including medical services. Having HIEMA at the table ensures that policy decisions about emergency medical services are informed by those who manage the overall emergency framework for our state.

This small change will improve coordination during disasters, streamline planning, and ensure that emergency medical service policies reflect the lessons learned from recent state emergencies. It also reduces inefficient obligations of the Adjutant General while maintaining strong leadership representation at EMSAC.

Additionally, the Department of Health has been coordinated on this change, and they are supportive of the proposed change.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your support on this measure and appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony. Please feel free to call me or our Director of Legislative Affairs, Brigadier General (Retired) Neal Mitsuyoshi at 808-369-3562, neal.s.mitsuyoshi@hawaii.gov.

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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1752 HD1
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

SENATOR CAROL FUKUNAGA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) offers comments on this
3 measure and respectfully offers the following testimony.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch
5 (EMSIPSB) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

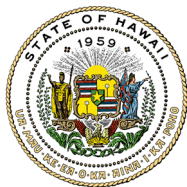
6 This bill appropriately updates the list of nonvoting ex-officio members by including the
7 Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, ensuring better alignment
8 between emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, and statewide emergency
9 response coordination. This change reflects the current operational realities of emergency
10 management in Hawai'i and strengthens interagency collaboration.

11 Additionally, Senate Bill 3134 (SB3134_SD2) and House Bill 2314 (HB2314_HD2), relating to
12 Emergency Systems of Care, have been amended to incorporate the provisions of HB1752 to
13 promote uniformity and achieve comprehensive modernization of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.
14 As such we do not believe that this measure needs to move forward as long as SB3134_SD2 or
15 HB2314_HD2 are moved forward.

1 **Offered Amendments:** None

2 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency **SUPPORTS** HB1752 HD1, which updates the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee membership by replacing the Adjutant General with the HIEMA Administrator as a non-voting member.

This is a straightforward update that reflects how emergency management is currently organized in the State. Having the HIEMA Administrator on the committee will improve coordination during emergencies, strengthen information sharing, and ensure statewide emergency response efforts are better aligned.

This bill does not change the committee's duties or structure—only the appropriate representative.

HIEMA respectfully asks for your support of HB1752 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide support testimony and for your continued commitment to community safety.

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The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
The Thirty-Third Legislature
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SUBJECT: HB1752 HD1 – Relating to Emergency Medical Services

Chair and Members of the Committee:

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH) **offers comments on HB1752 HD1**, which amends the membership of the Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee by replacing the Adjutant General with the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

Independent Living is a disability-led framework that supports people with disabilities to live and participate in their home communities with appropriate supports and access to services, including during emergencies and disasters. Emergency medical services and emergency management decisions directly affect disabled residents who may rely on accessible transportation, communication access, durable medical equipment, personal assistance, and continuity of life-sustaining services.

HB1752 HD1 shifts one of the three nonvoting ex-officio seats on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee from the Adjutant General to the HI-EMA Administrator. This change has the potential to strengthen coordination between emergency medical services and broader emergency management functions, such as disaster response, evacuation planning, and hazard preparedness. For people with disabilities, alignment between EMS and HI-EMA is critical to ensure that access and functional needs are integrated across planning, response, and recovery.



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From an Independent Living and cross-disability perspective, AILH respectfully requests that the Legislature and the Department of Health ensure that disability and access/functional needs expertise are meaningfully included in the advisory committee's work. The committee's voting membership already includes physicians, consumers of healthcare, allied health professionals, and emergency medical technicians, but there is no explicitly designated seat for disability or Independent Living representation.

AILH therefore offers the following comments and recommendations:

- Encourage the Department of Health and HI-EMA, as this bill is implemented, to engage Centers for Independent Living and other disability organizations as regular stakeholders to advise on emergency planning, training, and protocols for serving people with disabilities in all counties.
- Consider, in future policy discussions, formally adding or designating consumer seats on the EMS Advisory Committee for individuals with disabilities or disability advocates, to ensure that lived experience informs decisions about pre-hospital care, triage, transport, and communication during emergencies.
- Emphasize that EMS system planning should include accessible communication, accessible transportation options, and protocols for maintaining power-dependent medical equipment, medications, and support services for residents with disabilities during routine emergencies and major disasters.

AILH appreciates the Legislature's attention to strengthening coordination within Hawaii's emergency medical and emergency management systems and urges that disability access and Independent Living principles remain central to this work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,



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