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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OF CARE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's current  
2 emergency medical services laws were designed for an earlier era  
3 and do not reflect the complexities of modern time-sensitive  
4 emergency medical systems of care. Recent emergency events  
5 across the State have exposed significant gaps in coordination,  
6 integration, and resource deployment across emergency medical  
7 services, acute care facilities, and the trauma system. These  
8 events underscored the vulnerability of Hawaii's geographically  
9 isolated rural communities and highlighted the urgent need for  
10 modernization.

11           The legislature further finds that contemporary models of  
12 emergency and acute care prioritize integrated systems that  
13 address time-sensitive emergencies, such as burns, heart  
14 attacks, strokes, sepsis, and trauma, with the same urgency and  
15 structure as traditional emergency response. By adopting a  
16 time-sensitive emergency medical systems of care model, Hawaii  
17 can improve patient survival, reduce long-term disability, and



1 strengthen statewide resilience in times of disaster or public  
2 health crisis.

3 Aligning Hawaii's emergency medical services laws with  
4 national best practices in systems integration will:

- 5 (1) Ensure coordinated, evidence-based care for time-  
6 sensitive emergencies across all islands;
- 7 (2) Modernize emergency medical services and trauma  
8 systems to meet current and future challenges;
- 9 (3) Improve patient outcomes through standardized,  
10 statewide protocols; and
- 11 (4) Enhance preparedness for future natural disasters,  
12 mass casualty incidents, and public health threats.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to update Hawaii's  
14 emergency medical services laws to establish a comprehensive,  
15 time-sensitive emergency medical systems of care model that  
16 strengthens the State's capacity to respond effectively to  
17 emergencies and safeguard the health of the State's residents,  
18 living on all islands.

19 SECTION 2. Section 46-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended by amending the definition of "basic life support" to  
21 read as follows:



1        ""Basic life support" means initiating noninvasive  
2 emergency patient care designed to optimize the patient's  
3 chances of surviving the emergency situation. The care rendered  
4 consists of all first aid procedures needed, but does not  
5 include invasive procedures that constitute the practice of  
6 medicine; provided that state-approved basic life support  
7 personnel may use fully automatic external defibrillators,  
8 initiate intravenous lines, place tourniquets, and perform  
9 manual external defibrillation under the direction and personal  
10 supervision of a [~~mobile intensive care technician.~~] state-  
11 licensed clinician and in accordance with rules adopted by the  
12 department of health."

13        SECTION 3. Section 46-196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15        "**[+]§46-196[+]** **Emergency medical services; levels of**  
16 **service; contracts.** The county shall determine the levels of  
17 emergency medical services that shall be implemented throughout  
18 the county[+], unless otherwise determined by the department of  
19 health in consultation with the Hawaii emergency medical systems  
20 of care advisory council; provided that the county shall provide  
21 no fewer than twenty-one ground ambulance units. The county may



1 contract to provide emergency medical services, including  
2 emergency [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical services, or any necessary  
3 component of the county system."

4 SECTION 4. Section 321-221, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "**§321-221 Findings and purpose.** The legislature finds  
7 that the establishment of [~~a~~] state emergency medical [~~services~~  
8 ~~system,~~] systems of care, including emergency medical services,  
9 emergency medical services for children, and trauma and critical  
10 care services, is a matter of compelling state interest and  
11 necessary to protect and preserve public health. [~~A system~~] The  
12 legislature further finds that a state emergency medical systems  
13 of care designed to reduce medical emergency deaths, injuries,  
14 and permanent long-term disability through the implementation of  
15 a fully integrated, cohesive network of components[~~, the~~  
16 ~~legislature further finds,~~] will best serve public health needs.  
17 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to establish and  
18 maintain [~~a~~] state emergency medical [~~services system~~] systems  
19 of care in communities that can be most effectively served by  
20 the State[~~,~~] and [~~to~~] fix the responsibility for the  
21 administration of [~~this~~] the state [~~system,~~] emergency medical



1 systems of care, which shall provide for the arrangement of  
 2 personnel, facilities, and equipment for the effective and  
 3 coordinated delivery of health care services under emergency  
 4 conditions, whether occurring as the result of a patient's  
 5 condition, from natural disasters, or from other causes. The  
 6 [~~system~~] emergency medical systems of care shall provide for  
 7 personnel, personnel training, communications, emergency  
 8 transportation, facilities, coordination with emergency medical  
 9 and critical care services, coordination and use of available  
 10 public safety agencies, promotion of consumer participation,  
 11 accessibility to care, mandatory standard medical recordkeeping,  
 12 consumer information and education, independent review and  
 13 evaluation, disaster linkage, mutual aid agreements, and other  
 14 components necessary to meet the purposes of this part."

15 SECTION 5. Section 321-222, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 16 amended to read as follows:

17 "**§321-222 Definitions.** As used in this part, unless the  
 18 context clearly requires otherwise:

19 "Advanced emergency medical technician" means a health care  
 20 professional who holds a current certificate from the National  
 21 Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and is licensed



1 pursuant to section 453-34 as an advanced emergency medical  
2 technician to provide basic and limited advanced emergency  
3 medical care and transportation for critical and emergency  
4 patients to access the emergency medical systems of care.

5 "Advanced life support" means initiating all basic life  
6 support care as well as invasive patient care designed to  
7 stabilize and support a patient's condition due to sudden  
8 illness or injury. The care rendered, excluding basic life  
9 support, constitutes the practice of medicine.

10 "Advisory [~~committee~~] council" means the Hawaii emergency  
11 medical [~~services~~] systems of care advisory [~~committee~~.]  
12 council.

13 "Air-medical services" means medical care and transport of  
14 patients by aircraft provided by a licensed air ambulance  
15 operator with qualified medical personnel and regulated as part  
16 of the state emergency medical systems of care.

17 "Basic life support" means initiating noninvasive emergency  
18 patient care designed to optimize the patient's chances of  
19 surviving the emergency situation. The care rendered consists  
20 of all first aid procedures needed, but does not include  
21 invasive procedures [~~which~~] that constitute the practice of



1 medicine; provided that state-approved basic life support  
2 personnel may use fully automatic external defibrillators,  
3 initiate intravenous lines, place tourniquets, and perform  
4 manual external defibrillation under the direction and personal  
5 supervision of a [~~mobile intensive care technician~~] state-  
6 licensed clinician and in accordance with rules adopted by the  
7 department.

8 "Department" means the department of health.

9 "Emergency [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical services" means a  
10 [~~secondary~~] response system that provides immediate critical  
11 care and transport [~~by rotary-wing aircraft~~] of a patient by  
12 aircraft to a facility that provides specialized medical care.

13 "Emergency medical responder" means a person certified by  
14 the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

15 "Emergency medical services for children" means emergency  
16 medical services, including preventive, pre-hospital, hospital,  
17 rehabilitative, and other post-hospital care for children.

18 "Emergency medical services personnel" means any [~~mobile~~  
19 ~~intensive care technician or emergency medical technician~~]  
20 health care professional who is certified or licensed by the  
21 State[-] to provide emergency medical services.



1       "Emergency medical systems of care" means a fully  
2 integrated and cohesive statewide network of components that  
3 provide timely and effective care to individuals experiencing  
4 crisis situations. Components of an emergency medical systems  
5 of care include but are not limited to community-based services,  
6 pre-hospital care, emergency response, facility-based care,  
7 disaster response, and other post-hospital services that support  
8 stabilization, treatment, and transport.

9       "Emergency medical technician" means a person who holds a  
10 certificate from the National Registry of Emergency Medical  
11 Technicians, who is licensed pursuant to section 453-34, and  
12 whose primary focus is to provide immediate lifesaving care to  
13 patients while ensuring access to the emergency medical systems  
14 of care.

15       "First responder personnel" means a person who [~~has~~  
16 ~~successfully completed a United States Department of~~  
17 ~~Transportation approved First Responder Course of training in~~  
18 ~~emergency basic life support.~~] provides initial assistance until  
19 emergency medical services personnel arrive.

20       "Medicom" means the emergency medical systems of care  
21 medical communications that monitor statewide resource



1 availability, emergency dispatch, hospital notifications,  
2 interfacility transfers, and disaster communications.

3 "Medicom center" means the centralized coordination place  
4 for medicom functions.

5 "Paramedic" means a mobile intensive care technician who is  
6 an allied health professional certified by the National Registry  
7 of Emergency Medical Technicians, who is licensed pursuant to  
8 section 453-34, and whose primary focus is to provide advanced  
9 emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who  
10 access the emergency medical systems of care.

11 "Service area" means the State, excluding any county having  
12 a population of five hundred thousand or more.

13 "State system" means the state [~~pre-hospital~~] emergency  
14 medical [~~services system.~~] systems of care.

15 "Statewide" means all counties in the State."

16 SECTION 6. Section 321-224, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18 "(a) In addition to other functions and duties assigned  
19 under this part, the department shall:

20 (1) Regulate ambulances and ambulance services statewide;



- 1           (2) Establish emergency medical services throughout the
- 2           service area, including emergency [~~aeromedical~~] air-
- 3           medical services, which shall meet the requirements of
- 4           this part, subject to section 321-228;
- 5           (3) Review and approve the curricula and syllabi of
- 6           training courses offered to emergency medical services
- 7           personnel statewide who provide basic, intermediate,
- 8           and advanced life support, consult and coordinate with
- 9           the [~~University~~] university of Hawaii, or any other
- 10          accredited community college, college, or university,
- 11          or any professional organization that provides
- 12          emergency medical services training, regarding the
- 13          training for basic, intermediate, and advanced life
- 14          support personnel, as provided in section 321-229;
- 15          (4) Collect and evaluate data for the continued evaluation
- 16          of the [~~statewide~~] state emergency medical [~~services~~
- 17          ~~system,~~] systems of care, subject to section 321-230;
- 18          (5) Coordinate, on a statewide basis, emergency medical
- 19          resources and the allocation of emergency services and
- 20          facilities in the event of mass casualties, natural
- 21          disasters, national emergencies, and other



- 1 emergencies, ensuring linkage to local, state, and  
2 national disaster plans, and participation in  
3 exercises to test these plans;
- 4 (6) Establish, administer, and maintain a communication  
5 system [~~for the service area;~~] statewide, including  
6 interoperability with organizations essential to core  
7 operations of the state system;
- 8 (7) [~~Assist each county in the service area in the]~~  
9 Oversee the development and implementation of a  
10 statewide "911" emergency [~~telephone~~] dispatch system;
- 11 (8) Secure technical assistance and other assistance and  
12 consultation necessary for the implementation of this  
13 part, subject to section 321-230;
- 14 (9) Implement public information and education programs to  
15 inform the public of the statewide system and its use,  
16 and disseminate other emergency medical information,  
17 including appropriate methods of medical self-help and  
18 first-aid, and the availability of first-aid training  
19 programs statewide;
- 20 (10) Establish standards and provide training for  
21 dispatchers in the state system, and maintain a



1 program of quality assurance for dispatch equipment  
2 and operations; provided that individuals acting as  
3 dispatchers in the State as of July 1, 2022, shall  
4 obtain emergency medical dispatch certification by  
5 July 1, 2026, and shall maintain certification  
6 thereafter;

7 (11) Establish a program that will enable emergency  
8 [~~service~~] medical services personnel statewide to  
9 provide early defibrillation;

10 (12) Establish [~~within the department the~~] and maintain  
11 emergency medical [~~service system~~] services for  
12 children statewide;

13 (13) Consult with the advisory [~~committee~~] council on  
14 matters relating to the implementation of this part;  
15 and

16 (14) Establish and maintain statewide standards for  
17 emergency medical services course instructor  
18 qualifications and statewide requirements for  
19 emergency medical services training facilities."

20 SECTION 7. Section 321-224.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended to read as follows:



1           "§321-224.4 Community paramedicine and mobile integrated  
2 health care program; established. (a) The department shall  
3 establish and administer the community paramedicine and mobile  
4 integrated health care program within the service area.

5           (b) The department shall:

6           (1) Develop guidelines for community paramedicine[+] and  
7           mobile integrated health care;

8           (2) Explore and develop partnerships with public and  
9           private health care entities, insurers, community  
10           colleges, colleges, universities, professional  
11           organizations, and community organizations; and

12           (3) Employ telehealth to enhance access and improve [~~the~~]  
13           patient experience[-] within the community  
14           paramedicine and mobile integrated health care program  
15           by enabling licensed medical services personnel  
16           approved by the department to initiate and facilitate  
17           real-time, asynchronous, and remote patient monitoring  
18           interactions with health care providers, including  
19           consultative support from providers located within or  
20           outside the State when conducted under approved  
21           department program protocols and medical direction;



1           provided that the department may adopt rules pursuant  
2           to chapter 91 to establish standards for telehealth  
3           use.

4           (c) For purposes of this part, "community paramedicine and  
5           mobile integrated health care program" means an enhanced and  
6           expanded service in the state emergency medical [~~services~~  
7           ~~system~~] systems of care that allows state-licensed health care  
8           professionals[~~7~~] and community health workers, to assist with  
9           public health, primary care, and prevention services, including  
10          services through telehealth.

11          (d) The department of health shall submit a report on the  
12          status of the community paramedicine and mobile integrated  
13          health care program, including an accounting of expenses and  
14          source of funds, to the legislature no later than twenty days  
15          prior to the convening of each regular session of the  
16          legislature.

17          (e) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
18          91 to effectuate the purposes of this section.

19          (f) The department may adopt interim rules, which shall be  
20          exempt from chapter 91 and chapter 201M, to effectuate the  
21          purposes of this section; provided that the interim rules shall



1 remain in effect until July 1, [~~2023,~~] 2029, or until rules are  
2 adopted pursuant to subsection (e), whichever occurs sooner."

3 SECTION 8. Section 321-225, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§321-225 The [~~state]~~ Hawaii emergency medical [~~services]~~  
6 systems of care advisory [~~committee.]~~ council. (a) There is  
7 established within the department [~~of health]~~ for administrative  
8 purposes only the [~~state]~~ Hawaii emergency medical [~~services]~~  
9 systems of care advisory [~~committee,]~~ council, which shall sit  
10 in an advisory capacity to the department [~~of health]~~ on all  
11 matters relating to the state system. The advisory [~~committee]~~  
12 council may advise the department [~~of health]~~ upon request of  
13 the department or upon its own initiative with regard to the  
14 state system. The advisory [~~committee]~~ council shall:

- 15 (1) Monitor, review, and evaluate on an ongoing basis the  
16 operations, administration, and efficacy of the state  
17 system or any components thereof, to determine  
18 conformity with and maximum implementation of this  
19 part[-];
- 20 (2) Prepare and submit periodic assessments, reports, and  
21 other documents relating to the state system to ensure



- 1 the implementation of this part, as deemed necessary  
2 or desirable in the discretion of the advisory  
3 [~~committee.~~] council;
- 4 (3) Seek the input of the public in relation to the state  
5 system to ensure adequate fulfillment of the emergency  
6 medical services, emergency medical services for  
7 children, and trauma and critical care services needs  
8 of the State consistent with this part~~[.]~~;
- 9 (4) Participate in any planning or other policymaking with  
10 regard to the state system, and seek the participation  
11 of the public, including subarea health planning  
12 councils in its consideration of plans and policies  
13 relating to the state system~~[.]~~;
- 14 (5) Perform other functions, and have other duties  
15 necessary to ensuring the fullest implementation and  
16 maintenance of the state system~~[.]~~; and
- 17 (6) Advise the department [~~of health~~] in formulating a  
18 master plan for the emergency medical [~~services,~~]  
19 systems of care, including medicom, the "911" system,  
20 and other components necessary to meet the emergency



1 medical needs of the people of the State, which shall  
2 be submitted to the legislature.

3 (b) The advisory [~~committee~~] council shall be composed of  
4 [~~twenty~~] twenty-three members: [~~three~~] four nonvoting ex-  
5 officio members, who shall be the director of transportation,  
6 the [~~adjutant general,~~] administrator of emergency management,  
7 the executive director of the 911 board, and the administrator  
8 of the state health planning and development agency, or the  
9 designated representatives thereof, and [~~seventeen~~] nineteen  
10 members representing all counties of the State who shall be  
11 appointed by the governor subject to section 26-34 as follows:

12 (1) Five members who shall be physicians experienced in  
13 the conduct and delivery of emergency medical  
14 services; provided that at least two shall be engaged  
15 in the practice of emergency medicine and be board-  
16 eligible or board-certified by the American Board of  
17 Emergency Medicine [~~and~~]; provided further that at  
18 least one physician shall be engaged in the practice  
19 of pediatrics and be board-eligible or board-certified  
20 by the American Board of Pediatrics;



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

5 (3) Four members of allied health professions related to  
6 emergency medical services; [and]

7 (4) Four members, one from each county, who shall be  
8 mobile intensive care technicians or emergency medical  
9 technicians engaged in the practice of pre-hospital  
10 emergency medical [~~service.~~] services; and

11 (5) Two members who shall be surgeons or clinicians  
12 experienced in the conduct and delivery of trauma or  
13 acute care services.

14 (c) The members of the advisory [~~committee~~] council shall  
15 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for  
16 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties,  
17 including travel expenses. The chairperson of the advisory  
18 [~~committee~~] council shall be elected by the members from among  
19 their numbers. A majority of the members of the advisory  
20 [~~committee~~] council shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of  
21 business of the advisory [~~committee.~~] council. A majority vote



1 of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is  
2 established shall be necessary to validate any action of the  
3 [~~committee.~~] council.

4 [~~(d)~~] (d) The advisory [~~committee~~] council may adopt rules  
5 for its governance.

6 [~~(d)~~] (e) The department [~~of health~~] shall provide  
7 necessary staff and other support required by the advisory  
8 [~~committee~~] council for the performance of its duties."

9 SECTION 9. Section 321-228, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "**§321-228 Emergency medical services; counties.** The  
12 department shall determine, in consultation with the advisory  
13 [~~committee~~] council under section 321-225, the levels of  
14 emergency medical services that shall be implemented in each  
15 county within the service area. The department may contract to  
16 provide emergency medical services, including emergency  
17 [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical services, or any necessary component  
18 of the emergency [~~services system of~~] medical systems of care  
19 within a county within the service area in conformance with the  
20 state system. If any county within the service area [~~shall~~  
21 ~~apply~~] applies to the department to operate state emergency



1 medical ambulance services within the respective county, the  
2 department may contract with the county for the provision of  
3 those services. The department shall operate emergency medical  
4 ambulance services or contract with a private agency in those  
5 counties within the service area that do not apply to it under  
6 this section. Any county or private agency contracting to  
7 provide emergency medical ambulance services under this section  
8 shall be required by the department to implement those services  
9 in a manner and at a level consistent with the levels determined  
10 under this section."

11 SECTION 10. Section 321-230, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "**§321-230 Technical assistance[~~7~~]; data collection[~~7~~];**  
14 **evaluation.** (a) The department may contract for technical  
15 assistance and consultation, including categorization, data  
16 collection, and evaluation appropriate to the needs of the  
17 statewide emergency medical [~~services system.~~] systems of care.  
18 The collection and analysis of statewide emergency medical  
19 [~~services~~] systems of care data, including [~~pediatrics, trauma,~~]  
20 behavioral medical, burn, cardiac, medical, pediatrics, stroke,



1 and [~~behavioral-medical~~] trauma emergencies, shall be for the  
2 purpose of improving the quality of services provided.

3 The department may implement and maintain a trauma registry  
4 for the collection of information concerning the treatment of  
5 critical trauma patients at state designated trauma centers, and  
6 carry out a system for the management of that information. The  
7 system may provide for the recording of information concerning  
8 treatment received before and after a trauma patient's admission  
9 to a hospital or medical center. All state designated trauma  
10 centers shall submit to the department periodic reports of each  
11 patient treated for trauma in the state system in the manner as  
12 the department shall specify.

13 For the purposes of this subsection, "categorization" means  
14 systematic identification of the readiness and capabilities of  
15 hospitals and their staffs to adequately, expeditiously, and  
16 efficiently receive and treat emergency patients.

17 (b) The department shall establish, administer, and  
18 maintain an [~~aeromedical~~] emergency [~~medical~~] air-medical  
19 services system designed to collect and analyze data to measure  
20 the efficiency and effectiveness of each phase of the statewide  
21 emergency [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical program.



1           The department shall monitor [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical  
2 emergency ambulance service flights statewide to include date of  
3 service, patient demographics, transport diagnosis, and medical  
4 outcomes. The department medicom center shall work with each  
5 air-medical service provider and health care facility as the  
6 intermediary to arrange emergency transport of [~~bariatric~~]  
7 patients by licensed air-medical service providers, or by the  
8 United States Coast Guard, and maintain a registry of all  
9 emergency transports provided [~~by the United States Coast~~  
10 ~~Guard~~]. All statewide [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical service  
11 providers shall submit their data to the department as specified  
12 and requested by the department.

13           The statewide [~~aeromedical~~] emergency [~~medical~~] air-medical  
14 services system shall serve the emergency health needs of the  
15 people of the State by identifying:

- 16           (1) The system's strengths and weaknesses;
- 17           (2) The allocation of resources; and
- 18           (3) The development of [~~rotary-wing~~] emergency

19           [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical services standards;  
20 provided that emergency helicopter use, including triage  
21 protocols, shall be based on national [~~aeromedical~~] air-medical



1 triage and transport guidelines established by the Association  
2 of Air Medical Services, the American College of Surgeons, the  
3 National Association of Emergency Medical ~~[Service]~~ Services  
4 Physicians, or other department-approved national ~~[aeromedical]~~  
5 air-medical accreditation agency. The department, in the  
6 implementation of this subsection, shall plan, coordinate, and  
7 provide assistance to all entities and agencies, public and  
8 private, involved in the statewide system.

9 (c) The department shall use an emergency ~~[aeromedical~~  
10 ~~services]~~ air-medical quality improvement committee comprised of  
11 representatives of trauma, emergency, and tertiary care  
12 physicians and providers to analyze information collected from  
13 the ~~[aeromedical]~~ air-medical quality improvement performance  
14 measures as established by the ~~[American College of Surgeons,~~  
15 department, and to recommend system standards and resources to  
16 maintain and improve ~~[the]~~ Hawaii emergency ~~[aeromedical]~~ air-  
17 medical services ~~[system]."~~

18 SECTION 11. Section 321-231, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "[~~+~~]**§321-231**[~~+~~] **Grants.** The state system may seek and  
21 accept any funds or property and other desirable support and



1 assistance from any source whatsoever, whether gift, grant,  
2 services or any combination thereof, subject to applicable laws.  
3 In the event that any grant applications are made in relation to  
4 the state system, or any component thereof, the department shall  
5 consult with the advisory [~~committee~~] council and provide  
6 technical assistance in the preparation, management, or  
7 administration of the application or the grant, or both."

8 SECTION 12. Sections 321-223 and 321-532, Hawaii Revised  
9 Statutes, and the title of chapter 321, part XVIII, Hawaii  
10 Revised Statutes, are amended by substituting the term "systems  
11 of care" wherever the term "services system" appears, as the  
12 context requires.

13 SECTION 13. Sections 46-191, 46-193, 46-198, and 321-235,  
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes, are amended by substituting the word  
15 "air-medical" wherever the word "aeromedical" appears, as the  
16 context requires.

17 SECTION 14. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Department of Health; State Emergency Medical Systems of Care;  
State Emergency Medical Services; Community Paramedicine  
Program; Integrated Mobile Health Care; Advisory Council

**Description:**

Modernizes Hawaii's emergency medical services laws to align with current best practices and adopt a time-sensitive emergency medical systems of care model. Expands the Community Paramedicine Program to include integrated mobile health care; permit additional partnerships with professional organizations and educational institutions; and authorize certain telehealth services by providers located in or out of the State, under certain circumstances. Renames the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council the Hawaii Emergency Medical Systems of Care Advisory Council and amends its membership. (CD1)

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