

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 18, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2314
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2314
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OF
CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to update the State's
emergency medical services laws to establish a comprehensive,
time-sensitive, emergency medical systems of care model.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency;
Office of Hawaiian Affairs; University of Hawai'i Community
Colleges; Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System
Branch, Department of Health; State Health Planning and
Development Agency; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State's emergency medical
services system has been instrumental in ensuring a degree of
equity to critical health services for residents on all islands
due to its comprehensive reach and one hundred percent full-time
professional staffing. Technologies related to health care,
communication, and transportation have evolved exponentially, but
implementation has been uneven due to resource constraints and a
cumbersome governance framework. A comprehensive modernization of



emergency medical services-related statutes that aligns with national best practices and streamlines program governance is required to ensure that the State's emergency medical services system is managed more strategically. This measure therefore implements the essential task of modernizing the State's emergency medical systems of care laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "emergency medical services personnel";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2314, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2314, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



GREG TARAYAMA, Chair



