

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2426

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2934
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2934 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AMBULANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to:

- (1) Purchase one advanced life support ambulance and related equipment to be based in central Maui;
- (2) Fund pay-related personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel; and
- (3) Increase the predictability and stability of available air ambulance services for all islands in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, State Health Planning and Development Agency, one member of the Maui County Council, American Medical Response, and twenty-six individuals.

Your Committee finds that it is of critical importance to the State to ensure its residents have prompt access to primary health care. Your Committee further finds that Central Maui, which is currently facing substantial population growth, lacks an advanced



life support ambulance, leading to slower response times in medical emergencies, increasing risks of preventable death or long-term disability. This measure provides immediate financial support for additional ground ambulance resources in Central Maui.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have appropriated funds to increase the predictability and stability of available air ambulance services for all islands in the State, to focus the funding in this measure on all Emergency Medical Service ground ambulance for Central Maui;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2934, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2934, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health and Human
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2934	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 2/13/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓	✓		
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓	✓		
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓	✓		
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓	✓		
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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***Only one measure per Record of Votes**