

## ACT 150

H.B. NO. 2523

A Bill for an Act Relating to Emergency Medical Services.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 321-230, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§321-230 Technical assistance, data collection, evaluation.** The department of health may contract for technical assistance and consultation, including but not limited to categorization, data collection, and evaluation appropriate to the needs of the state system. The collection and analysis of statewide emergency medical services data, including pediatrics, trauma, cardiac, medical, and behavioral medical emergencies is for the purpose of improving the quality of services provided.

The department of health may implement and maintain a trauma registry for the collection of information concerning the treatment of critical trauma patients at state designated trauma centers and carry out a system for the management of that information. The system may provide for the recording of information concerning treatment received before and after a trauma patient’s admission to a hospital or medical center. All state designated trauma centers shall submit to the department of health periodic reports of each patient treated for trauma in the state system in such manner as the department shall specify.

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For the purposes of this section, “categorization” means systematic identification of the readiness and capabilities of hospitals and their staffs to adequately, expeditiously, and efficiently receive and treat emergency patients.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 7, 2002.)