

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **873**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1016
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1016 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to establish a life support ambulance based in Puna, Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii County Council. The Department of Health submitted written comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Puna area on the island of Hawaii is the fastest growing district in the State and has a projected population of seventy-five thousand residents in the next fifteen years. For many Puna residents, their access point to health care is through the Hawaii County Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services System. In addition, natural disasters affecting the Puna area, such as Tropical Storm Iselle and the ongoing lava flow, present potential obstacles to timely emergency care. A life support ambulance based in Puna will help serve the increased population of this area and provide an additional emergency health care option in the event of a natural disaster.

Your Committee suggests that, should subsequent Standing Committees decide to hear this measure, the Committees request the Department of Health to provide a more accurate estimate of the

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amount of funding needed to fulfill the purposes of this measure. Your Committee requests that subsequent Standing Committees also confirm that the emergency medical services special fund has sufficient moneys to fund the appropriation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating funds for fiscal year 2016-2017; and
- (2) Making the effective date July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1016, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1016, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1016	Committee Referral: HWH, WAM	Date: 3/2/15		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">M. N. ...</div>				
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