

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

748

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 971
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 971, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to change the means of funding for the statewide emergency medical system.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Repeals the emergency medical services special fund;
- (2) Redirects the fund's revenue sources to the general fund; and
- (3) Appropriates general funds to support the statewide emergency medical system.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Hana Health.

Your Committee finds that anti-smoking campaigns have contributed to the decline in cigarette use in Hawaii. The decline in cigarette purchases, however, has also led to a decline in cigarette tax revenues and associated deposits to the emergency medical services special fund. Your Committee believes that




repealing the emergency medical services special fund, redirecting the fund's revenue sources to the general fund, and making general fund appropriations for the programs funded by the emergency medical services special fund will promote more prudent budgeting of emergency medical system expenses and provide a more stable means of funding.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated for the statewide comprehensive emergency medical services system for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 from \$14,796,503 to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to 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. 971, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 971, S.D. 2.

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

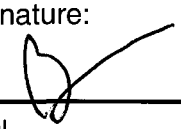


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 971, SD1	CPH, WAM	3/1/17		
<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)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			✓ <i>br</i>
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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