

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1153  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1153  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND  
INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an  
emergency appropriation to provide funds for the state  
comprehensive emergency medical system for expenses related to  
collective bargaining and other current expenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Maui County Paramedics Association,  
and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that due to the coronavirus disease 2019  
pandemic, the Department of Health experienced an operational  
budget shortfall of \$6,400,000. Your Committee further finds that  
an emergency appropriation is necessary to maintain comprehensive  
emergency medical services for the residents and visitors in the  
counties of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu for fiscal year 2020-  
2021.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1153, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1153, 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,



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JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



