

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1050

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

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RE: S.B. No. 1340
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 1340, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable the Hawaii Medical Board to license emergency ambulance service personnel and other emergency medical responders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Transportation, American Medical Response, and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Fire Council and Honolulu Fire Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Board.

Your Committee finds that emergency medical responders provide at-the-scene, life-saving care with minimal equipment to critical care patients and have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide immediate interventions while awaiting arrival of additional emergency medical services. However, existing law only provides for certification of emergency ambulance service personnel and does not provide for licensure or certification of emergency medical responders. This measure aligns the State's

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existing laws for licensure of emergency medical technicians with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to examine the possibility of the creation of an additional licensure category for emergency medical technicians who have received certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians at a higher level of practice than emergency medical responders but who do not provide emergency ambulance services;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1340, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1340, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB1340, SD2</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HHH, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>03/16/2021</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
6. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				✓
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (8)	<i>7</i>			<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Adrian K. Tam</i>				
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