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Testimony COMMENTING on SB 1006
Relating to Health

SENATOR JOSH GREEN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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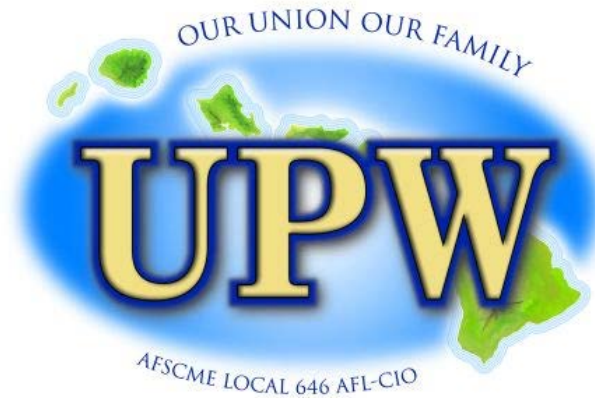
1 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in fiscal years 2015-2016 and
2 2016-2017. The measure requests an additional ambulance unit including a vehicle, personnel, and
3 equipment.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department recognizes the significant challenges to providing health care
5 and emergency services to the Kakaako Community. The Department is projecting a shortfall in general
6 funds to fund the existing ambulance contracts across the state for FY16 and FY17. The Department
7 respectfully defers to the Governor's Executive Budget request for the Department of Health's
8 appropriations and personnel priorities. Funding an additional unit would have a negative impact on
9 existing services.

10 This measure seeks to augment the City and County emergency medical services system for the
11 residents and visitors of the Kakaako area. The Honolulu City and County Emergency Medical Services
12 currently operates 19 ground ambulances on the island of Oahu. The last unit added was Ewa Beach in
13 fiscal year 2013. Honolulu City and County has budgeted funds to secure and administer a backup 911
14 contract with American Medical Response to aid with increased 911 calls.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

16 **Offered Amendments:** none



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The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1006 RELATING TO HEALTH

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports SB1006 to appropriate funds for an ambulance vehicle and operational costs including equipment, supplies, and state certified EMS personnel for the Kakaako area.