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House Committee on Health

H.B. 363, HD1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 8:30 am

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this bill provided that its passage does not
2 replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget. We respectfully request that
3 the funds be appropriated directly to the City and County of Honolulu for this project.

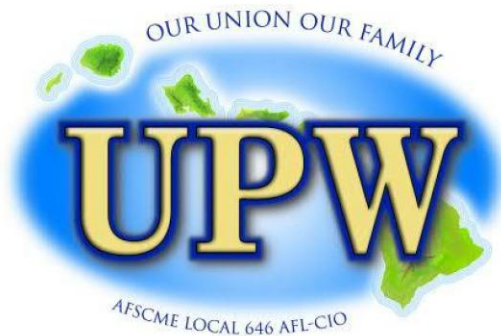
4 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates 1.75 million dollars in FY2014 for the demolition of the Ewa Beach
5 Fire Station and the construction of a new ambulance facility.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health supported Act 268 of the 2012 Legislature for a
7 new ambulance unit in Ewa Beach, Oahu. The new unit was needed to mitigate the closure of Hawaii
8 Medical Center West, and also to serve the growing population of Ewa and West Oahu.

9 The Honolulu Fire Department has vacated its Ewa Fire Station moving into a new station. This
10 location is ideal for the new Ewa ambulance unit which opened this past summer operating out of a
11 temporary location in Ewa. The former fire station's building is not suitable for a new ambulance unit. The
12 need an additional unit in West Oahu is unchanged and therefore we recommend it become a permanent unit
13 and support the construction of a new facility to house the ambulance vehicle and its personnel.

14 We respectfully request that the funds be appropriated directly to the City and County of
15 Honolulu for this project.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON HB363 HD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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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 representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 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 HB 363 that appropriates general funds to the department of health to demolish the Ewa Beach fire facility and construct an energy efficient and environmentally sustainable emergency medical services facility at the same location.

With the closure of Hawaii Medical Center's hospital in Ewa Beach and Liliha, the residents of West Oahu have been negatively impacted. The building of this facility will ensure that residents will have access to critical emergency medical services and more importantly, save lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.