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Resolution 13-158 Testimony

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I would like to submit written testimony to ask that Resolution 13-158 be denied.

Earlier this year the State Health Planning & Development hosted Certificate of Need (CON) hearings to determine the "need" for additional ambulance providers for the City & County of Honolulu. The application filed by Kokua Ambulance went through the process of (2) separate SHPDA hearings in which this same claim for additional ambulance services were addressed.

The committees were tasked with sorting through a large amount of data, information and public testimony. In each of the hearings the SHDA committees voted unanimously that there was "no need for additional ambulance services".

Several days prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final hearing on the application, Kokua Ambulance pulled their application resulting in the cancellation of the hearing.

Today, in review of Resolution 13-158, this document reads almost exactly to statements submitted by Kokua Ambulance during their testimony at the CON hearings. So I appeal to the Counsel that these claims and issues have already been processed by SHPDA and found to have no merit. Understanding that should Resolution 13-158 pass, before any additional ambulance provider could address the needs put forth in this Resolution, that any new ambulance service to Hawaii would have to successfully complete the CON process, then apply for a Hawaii State Ambulance License to be eligible to address the needs discussed in Resolution 13-158. This is a lengthy process.

Although there is no data that supports the claims of this resolution and in fact, those directly involved in the ambulance understand that the resolution as written crosses over and confuses the roles of the ambulance providers involved.

The quickest and most financially feasible solution to address any shortage need, is through contracting with American Medical Response (AMR) which currently holds a 911 back up contract with C&C ambulance. If in fact that needs are as

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dire as stated in the resolution, AMR is positioned to add ambulance units to service these concerns in a matter of a few days.

In closing, Resolution 13-158 is littered with misinformation and lack of data to support its claims. The resolution is consistent with testimony heard in Kokua Ambulance CON hearings earlier this year, in which 2 SHPDA committees voted "no need".

AMR stands ready to support C&C ambulance and the community.

Please vote NO on Resolution 13-158.

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