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TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Stacy Crivello
HSAC President

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 453, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Hawaii State Association of Counties in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for one ambulance unit each for the County of Kauai and County of Hawaii, including equipment, supplies and personnel costs.

This measure is included in the 2017 Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package. Therefore, I submit this testimony on HSAC's behalf.

HSAC **supports** this measure for the following reasons:

1. This legislation is consistent with the recommended proposal by officials of the Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Injury Prevention Branch, during their presentation to HSAC on Sept. 26, 2016. It is consistent with an agreement among provider agencies that Kauai County and Hawaii County are prioritized to receive new ambulances.
2. According to the state EMS department, no funding has been received for new ambulances in the past three years.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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