REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Voting Members:
Val A. Okimoto, Chair; Augie Tulba, Vice Chair;
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola

Committee Meeting Held
November 19, 2024

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety, which considered Resolution 24-272 entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE THE INTEGRATION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM INTO THE HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT,"

introduced on November 7, 2024, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 24-272 is to request the City administration to establish a task force to explore the integration of the Emergency Medical Services Program into the Honolulu Fire Department.

Assistant Chief Korey K. Chock of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department, and Fire Chief Sheldon Ha'o of the Honolulu Fire Department provided comments on the Resolution, and answered questions from the Committee.

Your Committee received written testimony in support from the International Longshore & Warehouse Union, the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association, and 99 individuals. Your Committee received written testimony in opposition from two individuals.

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Your Committee on Public Safety is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 24-272 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Dos Santos-Tam, Okimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 4; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Val A. Okimoto

Committee Chair

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