

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Injury Prevention Systems Branch

State of Hawaii Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) Meeting

January 23, 2026
09:30 A.M. Hawaii Standard Time (HST)

Location: State of Hawaii Department of Health, Kinau Hale,
1st Floor Boardroom, 1250 Punchbowl St. Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813
or Online via Microsoft Teams Link

Public Testimony email to: DOH.emsac@doh.hawaii.gov



Public Testimony

Written Testimony – To ensure the public, as well as EMSAC members, receive testimony in a timely manner, the Committee requests written testimony be submitted two business days prior to the scheduled meeting date and time (Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 9:30 AM HST). Any written testimony submitted after such time will be distributed at the meeting. Please note any written public testimony submitted to the Committee will be a public record and any contact information will be available for public inspection and copying. Written testimony may be submitted via:

1. E-mail to DOH.emsac@doh.hawaii.gov;
2. US Postal Service addressed to Hawaii Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB), 3675 Kilauea Avenue, Trotter Building, Honolulu, HI 96816; or
3. By facsimile to: (808) 733-9216.



Public Testimony

Oral Testimony – The Committee will also consider public testimony given at the meeting on any item relevant to this agenda. Individuals may submit oral testimony during the meeting by sending an email request to DOH.emsac@doh.hawaii.gov by Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 9:30 AM HST, **or by simply announcing/identifying themselves** and the item they want to testify about during the public testimony portion of the meeting.

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Meeting Agenda

Agenda items maybe taken out of order

AGENDA Revised 1/16/2026

I. Call to Order/Roll Call – Marilyn Matsunaga, EMSAC Chair

II. Approval of July 2025 and October 2025 Meeting Minutes (VOTING ITEM)

III. Old Business

- A. Reminders – Recommendation to Fill Member Vacancy
- B. Status of EMSIPSB – Branch Chief Position
- C. Rural Healthcare Transformation Grant Proposals
- D. Department of Health Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC)
- E. Hawaii Community College / University of Hawaii Community College and Department of Health Agreement Regarding Emergency Medical Technicians curriculum and state licensure practice
- F. DCCA EMP Advisory Committee Update and 2026 Meetings
- G. Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Reports
 - 1) PIG - Overview Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT) Standing Order Tiers
(Report recommendations will be voted on at the next meeting)
 - 2) PIG - Emergency Air Medical / Medevac Regulatory Standards, Protocols, Triage, and Licensing Requirements
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IV. New Business

- A. Welcome New Members
- B. Rural Healthcare Transformation Program
- C. Legislative Update:
 - 1) §321-221 to §321-237 Modernization and update Hawaii Revised Statutes, Part XVIII, to align with current Emergency Medical Services national clinical, licensure, industry standards, and scope of practice frameworks.

D. Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 of Session 2025 – Final Report of the Aeromedical Services Working Group

E. EMS Dashboards

- 2) Air Medical Resource Tracking Board
- 3) New Year's Fireworks Injury Tracking
- 4) E-Bike Injury Tracking

V. Reports

- A. EMSIPSB Report
- B. Agency / Organization Dashboard, Reports, & Highlights
 - 1) EMS - Hawaii County (Hawaii Island Fire)
 - 2) EMS - C&C of Honolulu
 - 3) EMS – Kauai County (AMR)
 - 4) EMS – Maui County (AMR)
 - 5) Federal Fire
 - 6) EMS Air Ambulance (REACH)
 - 7) Hawaii Life Flight
 - 8) Optimum Air
 - 9) Life Flight Network
 - 10) Kapiolani Community College
 - 11) Hawaii Community College
 - 12) Trauma Centers

VI. Adjournment

Next Meeting – Tentative set for Friday April 17, 2026, 9:30AM-11:30AM HST, State of Hawaii Department of Health, Kinau Hale, 1st Floor Boardroom 1250 Punchbowl St. Honolulu HI 96813 & Online via Teams

Tentative Schedule: April 17, 2026, July 24, 2026, and October 23, 2026



Call to Order / Roll Call

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Meeting is officially called to Order**



Moment of Silence for Big Island



Hawaii County Fire
Chief Kauo Todd



Hawaii County Fire
Medical Director Dr. Judy Fitzgerald

Rest in Aloha

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Reminders Recommendation to Fill Member Vacancy

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Status of EMSIPSB Branch Chief Position

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Rural Healthcare Transformation Grant Proposals

- Governor Josh Green M.D. announced \$188.9 million secured for Hawaii
- Department of Health estimated \$53 million*
- Emergency Medical Services, Trauma, and Acute Care estimated \$23 million*
 - Statewide Medical Communication Center (MEDICOM Center) for centralized emergency and trauma transfer coordination and statewide Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC)
 - Community Paramedicine and Mobile Integrated Healthcare
 - Technology Enabled EMS, First Responder and Mobile Medical Units
 - EMS and Trauma Simulation Training Labs

** Subject to final Governor and CMS Approval, estimated locked in date end of February 2026, more information to be shared in coming weeks ahead*



Old Business

Department of Health Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC)

- **MOCC Working Group Established in partnership with Office of Public Health Preparedness**
- **Weekly Working Group Meetings**



Old Business

Hawaii Community College / University of Hawaii

DOH Agreement Regarding Emergency Medical Technicians Curriculum and State Licensure Practice

Carrie Mospens – Dean for Career & Technical Education Hawaii Community College

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Welcome New Members



Laura Sayer



Max Matias Jr.



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Rural Healthcare Transformation Program

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Legislative Update

Draft DOH Proposed Governors Legislative Package

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Legislative Update: 13 Measures

Measure	Measure Title	Description
HB1535	RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.	Establishes an income tax credit for the purchase and installation of automated external defibrillator devices by certain places of public accommodation.
HB1577	RELATING TO 911 SERVICES.	Requires the 911 Board to establish, implement, and maintain a statewide emergency safety profile system that allows residents to voluntarily create and manage secure personal profiles containing information relevant to emergency responses.
HB1708	RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.	Specifies that operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant while a highly intoxicated driver is a class C felony and outlines additional requirements for probation.
SB2011	RELATING TO THE COUNTIES.	Requires each county to adopt display standards requiring visible and readable street addresses and to require owners of residential and commercial buildings to post street addresses in accordance with the county's display standards.
SB2136	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.	Establishes safe riding behaviors for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of high-speed electric devices in certain locations. Establishes labeling and signage requirements for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of a moped or electric motorcycle in certain locations. Amends the definition of "bicycle" for purposes of county vehicular taxes. Defines "electric bicycle" in place of "low-speed electric bicycle". Defines "electric micro-mobility device" and requires the same regulations as electric foot scooters to apply to electric micro-mobility devices. Prohibits a person under the age of sixteen from operating a class 3 electric bicycle. Authorizes a person under the age of fourteen to operate class 2 electric bicycles under supervision. Prohibits a person from riding a class 3 electric bicycle on a sidewalk. Authorizes a person to ride a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on a sidewalk under certain circumstances. Prohibits a person from operating a bicycle or electric foot scooter under the age of eighteen without a helmet. Repeals the requirement that moped drivers use bicycle lanes. Substitutes the word "motor-driven cycle" with the word "motor scooter".
SB2146	RELATING TO TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS.	Establishes a Traffic Fines Task Force that will examine the Finnish tiered traffic fines system, determine whether a similar system could be implemented in the State, and provide recommendations as to how a system could best be implemented. Appropriates funds.
SB2226	RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES.	Requires all persons operating or riding a motorcycle to wear a safety helmet.
SB2267	RELATING TO 911 SERVICES.	Requires the 911 Board to establish, implement, and maintain a statewide emergency safety profile system that allows residents to voluntarily create and manage secure personal profiles containing information relevant to emergency responses.
SB2392	RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY.	Specifies that operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant while a highly intoxicated driver is a class C felony and outlines additional requirements for probation.
SB2463	RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE.	Lowers the blood alcohol content threshold for driving while under the influence of an intoxicant.
SB2504	RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.	Appropriates funds to the Judiciary for the enforcement of gun violence protective orders. Appropriates funds to the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct public awareness campaigns on gun violence protective orders.
SB2505	RELATING TO OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT.	Authorizes licensed paramedics to administer buprenorphine after administration of an opioid antagonist in cases of opioid overdoses, under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Health to implement a phased pilot program in at least 1 county with verified linkage-to-care capacity and authorizes expansion of the program statewide as additional treatment resources become available. Requires a report to the Legislature evaluating program outcomes.
SB2521	RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES.	Exempts emergency medical services personnel from commercial driver's license requirements. Amends the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" under State Traffic Code to replace ambulances with emergency medical services vehicles.



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Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 Session 2025 – Final Report of Aeromedical Services Working Group

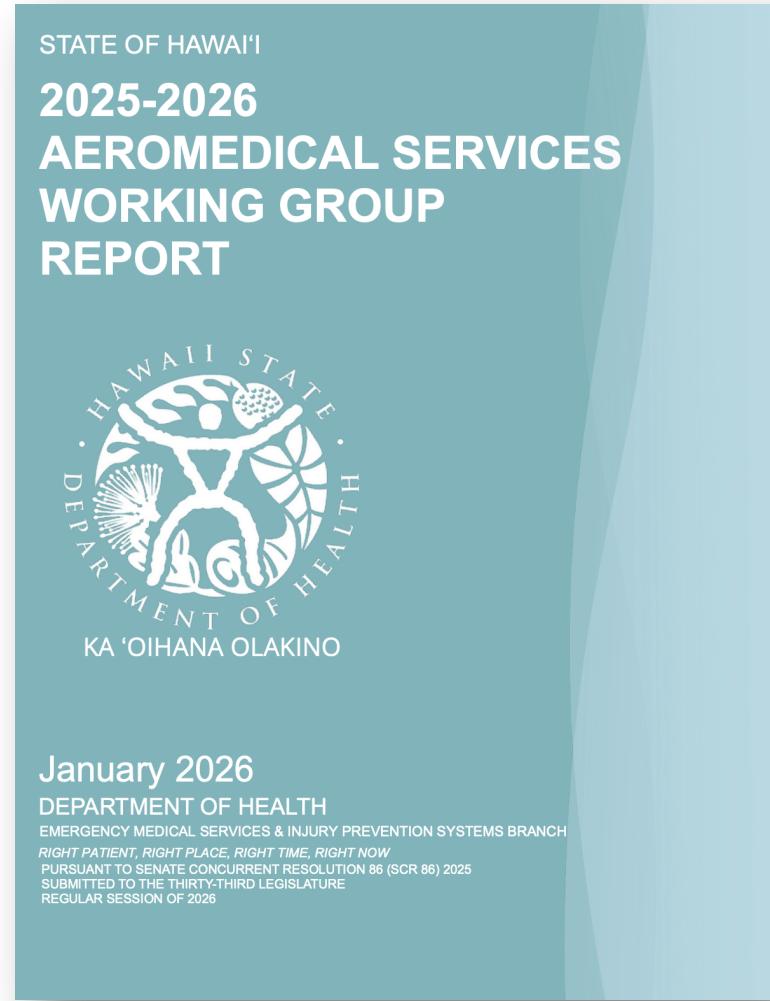
Complete Report is posted on the EMSIPSB Website within the Announcements section under “ EMSIPSB Reports to Legislature – 2026 Regular Session”

[2025-2026 Aeromedical Services Working Group Report – Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 \(SCR 86\) 2025](#)

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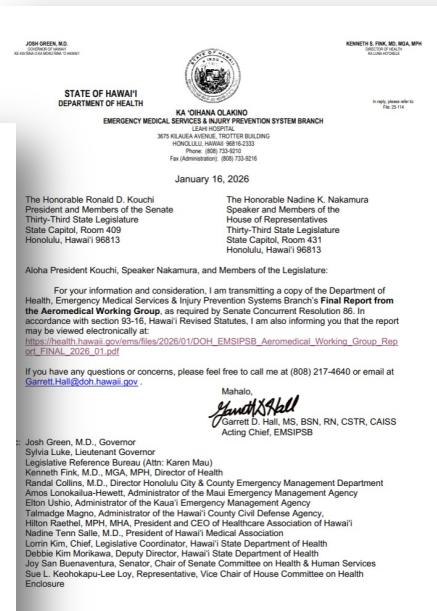
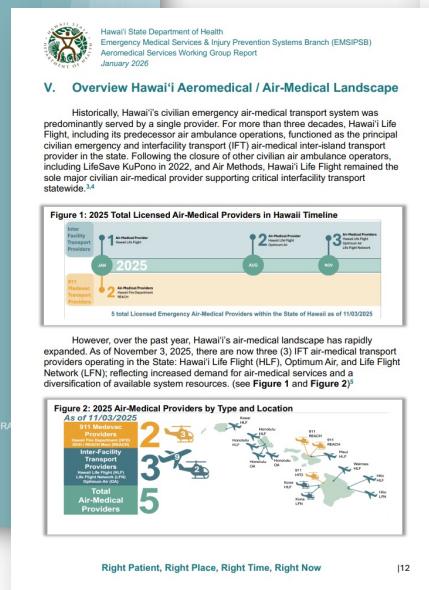
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Final Report of Aeromedical Services Working Group

[DOH EMSPSB Aeromedical Working Group Report FINAL 2026 01.pdf](https://health.hawaii.gov/ems/files/2026/01/DOH_EMSPSB_Aeromedical_Working_Group_Report_FINAL_2026_01.pdf)

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Aeromedical Working Group Recommendations

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Priority Recommendations (Pages 6-7):

To advance these recommendations, the Working Group requests that the Legislature:

- Appropriate recurring funds and establish permanent Department of Health EMS aeromedical staffing in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).
- Authorize statutory modernization of HRS Chapter 321 to support statewide aeromedical coordination and governance.
- Support planning and phased implementation of a statewide Medical Communications (MEDICOM) Center, including integration with rural healthcare transformation efforts.
- Sustain funding for the unified statewide EMS and aeromedical data infrastructure.

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Aeromedical Working Group Legislative Actions

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Immediate Legislative Actions (Page 7):

- 1. Establish permanent, dedicated aeromedical staffing within the Department of Health EMS Section** to support statewide coordination, oversight, quality improvement, and disaster readiness.
- 2. Support the Modernize Hawai'i Revised Statutes §321-221 through §321- 237** to reflect modern aeromedical operations and clarify statewide authority and accountability.
- 3. Establish a centralized, scalable statewide Medical Communications (MEDICOM) Center** to coordinate emergency and interfacility aeromedical transport as part of Rural Healthcare Transformation Program.
- 4. Sustain and expand a unified statewide EMS aeromedical data and communications platform** to support real-time situational awareness, performance monitoring, and system accountability.
- 5. Adopt nationally recognized accreditation frameworks** to strengthen clinical, safety, and operational standards without duplicative or overly prescriptive regulation.

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Aeromedical Working Group Data

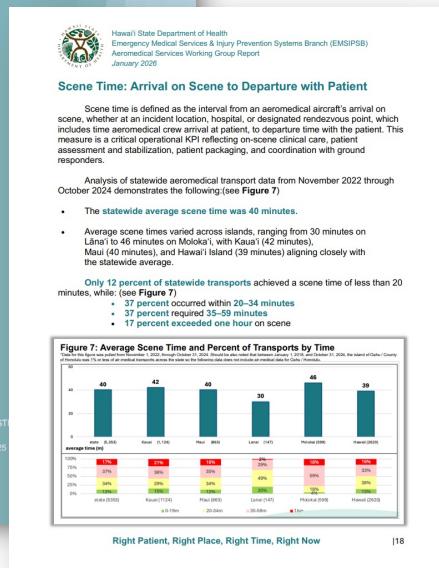
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Hawaii Aeromedical Data (Pages 13-21):

- Overall Transport Volume in Hawaii 2018 to 2024
- Wheels-Up – Dispatched to time Aircraft Departs for Patient
- Aeromedical Resource Locations
- Arrival on Scene to Departure with Patient
- Dispatch to Destination with Patient (Total Transport Time)
- Dispatch and Response Times

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Aeromedical Working Group Conclusion

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Immediate Legislative Actions (Page 46):

The Working Group respectfully urges the Legislature to take immediate action to:

1. Fund permanent DOH EMSIPSB aeromedical staffing to provide statewide governance, oversight, and coordination;
2. Support Modernize HRS Chapter 321 (§321-221–237) to clarify authority and accountability for emergency and interfacility aeromedical coordination; and
3. Support implementation of a statewide MEDICOM Center through the Rural Healthcare Transformation Program and sustain the unified EMS data infrastructure.

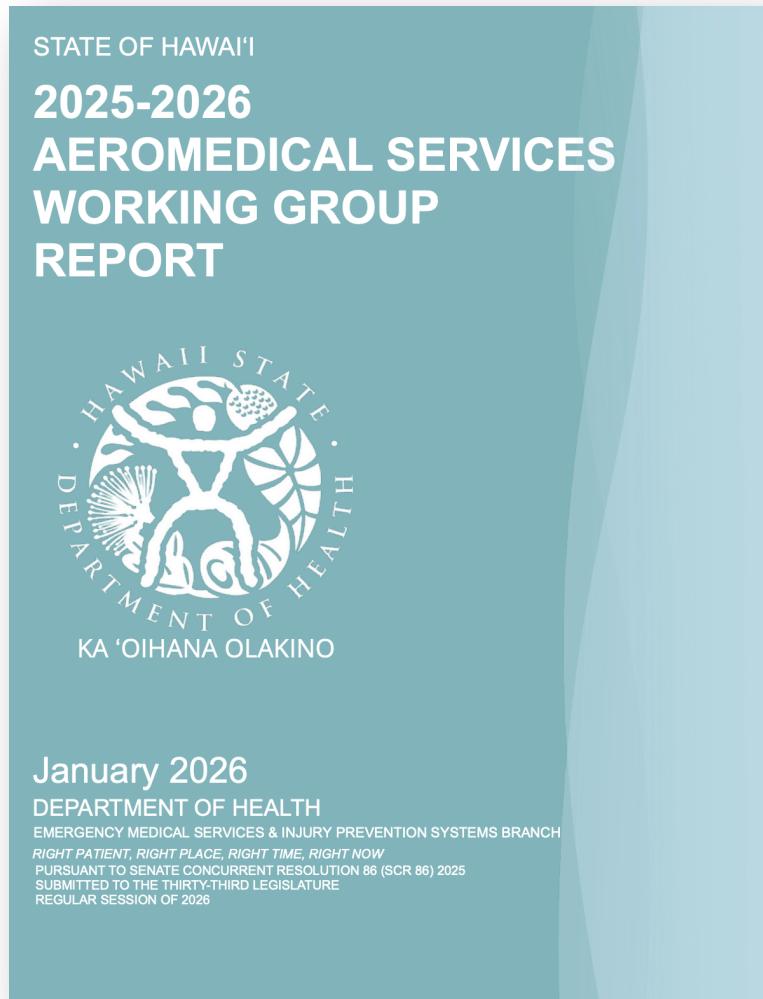
These actions will improve timeliness to definitive care, reduce delays, strengthen multi-island coordination, and **ensure that the right patient is transported to the right place, at the right time — right now — regardless of island, geography, or resources.**

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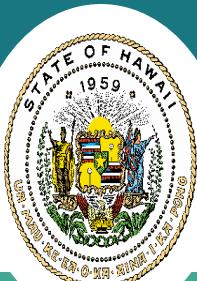


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EMS Dashboards

- **Air Medical Resource Tracking Board**
- **New Year's Fireworks Injury Tracking**
- **E-Bike Injury Tracking**





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State of Hawaii EMSAC - Air Medical Resource Tracking Board

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Project Overview Cont.

- The Dashboard is live! You can find it via the EMSIPSB website or through the direct link:
 - EMS Website (carousel 3):
<https://health.hawaii.gov/emsipsb/>
 - Direct link:
<https://publish.smartsheet.com/101c5b377ca14a54bc887ba467ea3d3a>
- Updates to board are made as near real time as possible by Air Medical Providers.
- Project rolled out on 1/1/2026.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)



Injury Prevention



Trauma System



Hawaii Poison Center
POISON
Help
1-800-222-1222



Hawaii Air Medical Resource Tracking Board for Hospitals

The State of Hawaii Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch is pleased to announce the statewide rollout of the Hawaii Air Medical Resource Tracking Board, going live on December 31, 2025. This tool provides hospital partners with real-time visibility into available air medical resources across the state, supporting timely transport decisions, improved coordination, and enhanced situational awareness during routine operations and high-acuity events. We appreciate the continued collaboration of our air medical and hospital partners as we advance statewide readiness and emergency, trauma, and acute care coordination across Hawaii.

[Click Here for live Air Medical Resource Tracking Board](#)

[Click Here for live Air Medical Resource Tracking Board Guide for Hospitals](#)

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Project Overview

- Uses Smartsheet, a cloud-based project management and collaborative work software.
 - Utilizes spreadsheet platform
 - Contains real-time edits and tracking
- Goal is to increase transparency in air medical services and resources, centralize solution for Hospitals, EMS, Air Medical, DOH, and Partners.
- Project used to better track Air Medical Resource availability across the state.



Source: <https://finance.ofa.ncsu.edu/2023/02/28/working-smarter-with-smartsheet/>

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Hawaii Air Medical Resource Tracking Board

Dashboard Editor Full Name	Dashboard Date & Time Last Updated by Editor	Dashboard Editor Contact Email	Request Aircraft Phone Number	Air Ambulance Provider	Condition	Status	Status Notes	Base	Aircraft	Aircraft Information	Location of Aircraft	Hawaii - Hilo Estimated Time to Island	Hawaii - Waimea-Kohala Estimated Time to Island	Kauai Estimated Time to Island	Lana Estimated Time to Island	Molokai Estimated Time to Island	Oahu Estimated Time to Island	Assigned To	Last Modified By	Last Modified Date		
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EMSIPSB Report / Update by Section EMSAC Meeting January 23, 2026

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EMSIIPSB Systems Report Overview

- EMS Systems Section
 - Update to EMS Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Scorecards & Data
 - EMS Ambulance Licensing Highlights (Ground and Air-Medical)
 - EMS Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) Quality Assurance (February 16-20, 2026, Contractor on Islands)
 - Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)
- Trauma Systems Section
- Data / MEDICOM Section
 - Branch Data Modernization
 - TraumaNet
- Injury Prevention Section
- Preparedness: Meals Update



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EMS KPI Scorecards and Insights Data / Dashboard

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EMS Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for 2026

KPIs for State of Hawaii EMS Scorecards

1. NEMSQA Airway-18 Waveform Capnography Confirmation of Invasive Airway
2. NEMSQA Syncope-01 ECG Performed for Syncope Patients
3. NEMSQA Trauma-01 Injured Patients Assessed for Pain
4. KPI: Response Times
5. KPI: Scene Times
6. KPI: Transport Times
7. KPI: Interfacility Transfers



EMS Ambulance Licensing

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State EMS and Trauma Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) Plan

CDC Block Grant funding – Quality / Performance Improvement

- TCAA – Consultant Kathy Martin
- 1st Version of State EMS and Trauma PIPS Plan provided by consultant
- Consultant to be on island Feb 16- 20 and will be holding meetings with EMS and Trauma partners
- Aim is to evaluate PIPS quality indicators and establish PIPS Statewide process for PIPS Monthly / Quarterly Meetings to use the PDSA cycle to evaluate PIPS plan



Emergency Medical Services for Children

- Position currently open not able to fill until get final AG approval to move forward based on changes in federal terms and conditions
- National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP)
 - NPRP Assessments Online (www.pedsready.org)
 - TBA - EMSIPSB Webinars to walk through the Assessment
https://www.pedsready.org/home_docs/PedsReady%20Survey-OA%20Assessment.pdf



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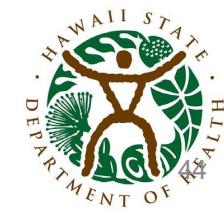
Trauma Systems Section Update

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Trauma Systems Section Update

- HTAC meeting dates to be finalized stay tune
- Trauma & EMS Strategic Plan Conference for 2026 looking for neighbor island location and volunteer
- Automated EMSAC and HTAC Reports
- Requesting Ideas for Trauma Centers for TQIP Abstracts
- Established working group for isolated burns, scene to definitive care protocol by passing closest hospital
- Kicked off in January Every other month (Odd Months) established Trauma Systems Operational DOH Update with Trauma Program Managers



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Data / MEDICOM Systems Section Update

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Data / MEDICOM Modernization

- ESO EMS & Facility State ID Update Project ≈ 6-8 months (Achieved)
- State EMS Data Dictionary Working Group to be established in 2026
 - New Schema for HIEMSIS / NEMSIS with validation rules
- State Trauma Data Dictionary
 - 2026 Keeping with 2025 education provided to all Trauma Centers
 - Contracted with vendor to complete data mapping and data dictionary for 2027
- EMS, Trauma, Stroke, Burn (Acute Care) Data Visualizations / Dashboards Continuing to build out more
- State GIS Mapping Project
- MEDICOM TraumaNet



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Injury Prevention (IP) Section Report/ Update EMSA Meeting January 23, 2025

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IP System Section Report/Update

- Drowning / Water Safety
 - Amanda – New Public Health Educator Hired and Onboarding
 - State of Hawaii will present Drowning / Water Safety Plan at National Conference
- Traffic Safety
 - Motor Vehicle Crash Dashboards
 - Helmet Legislation Submitted
 - ETOH Legislation Submitted
- Fall Prevention
 - Establishing a Fall Prevention Campaign Advisory / Working Group for 2026 program
- Dan's Retirement and Search for New Epi



Branch Goals FY2026



Modernization EMS Statutes to support Emergency Medical Systems of Care

Purpose: To update Hawaii's legislative statutes for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to align with national standards and transition from a fragmented, siloed approach to an integrated, comprehensive Emergency Medical System of Care. This modernization is essential to improve coordination, enhance patient outcomes, ensure equitable access to emergency medical resources statewide, and establish a more resilient and efficient emergency response infrastructure for all of Hawaii's communities.

State MEDICOM Center / Emergency & Trauma Transfer Center

Purpose: The purpose of this initiative is to ensure timely and appropriate emergency and acute care across Hawaii, specifically addressing the unique needs of rural island communities. By coordinating comprehensive emergency care navigation and streamlining transfers for emergency and acute care patients, this strategy aims to significantly enhance emergency response times, shorten the interval to definitive medical treatment, and reduce preventable disabilities and deaths. Additionally, this approach presents substantial cost-saving potential, as evidenced by a similar initiative in Arkansas, where strategic investments resulted in annual savings exceeding \$120 million. These savings were primarily achieved through the reduction of unnecessary double transfers, minimized Medicare and Medicaid billing errors, and improved patient survival rates. Furthermore, this initiative ensures a more prepared Hawaii by providing 24/7 visibility on EMS and air medical resources. It also lays the groundwork for establishing a Medical Operations Command Center during disasters and supports syndromic surveillance capabilities to enhance public health preparedness and response.



Updating Regulatory Process for Billing

Purpose: Establish dedicated funding for the State EMS Clinical Documentation Integrity Team to improve clinical documentation accuracy, resulting in increased revenues for Hawaii's general fund. Implement robust regulatory oversight, including rigorous validation and auditing of EMS clinical data, to enhance financial transparency and accountability. Additionally, update payment processing systems to accurately account for credit card fees, and ensure that financial incentives and tax-related write-offs exclusively benefit Hawaii residents, safeguarding the responsible and effective use of taxpayer dollars.



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Preparedness Section Measles Update

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Measles Update

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Measles Refresher

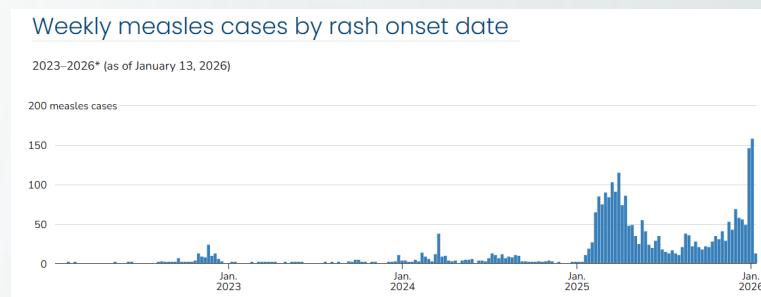
- Fever and rash illness caused by the measles virus
- Measles virus is extremely contagious among non-immune persons
 - Up to 90% of unvaccinated, non-immune persons in close contact will become infected
 - Airborne transmission for up to 2 hours in a shared indoor space
- Complications include hearing loss, pneumonia, severe diarrhea, encephalitis, sub-acute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) later in life, and death
- Highly effective vaccine prevents illness and transmission
- Increasing unvaccinated population size in the U.S. contributing to ongoing outbreaks and increased likelihood of local outbreaks



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Measles Cases & Outbreaks

- Currently, there are no measles outbreaks ongoing in Hawai'i. In 2025, Hawai'i DOH identified and responded to 2 travel-associated confirmed measles cases on O'ahu.
- DOH reported measles detection in wastewater samples in West Hawai'i County (8/2025), Kaua'i County (10/2025), and Maui County (11/2025).
- In 2025, CDC reports 2,242 confirmed measles cases nationally from 45 states and 3 deaths.
 - 89% of cases were associated with 49 domestic outbreaks, an increase from 16 outbreaks in 2024.
 - 11% of cases were hospitalized
- Currently, large measles outbreaks are ongoing in South Carolina and Utah.
- Expected that the United States will lose its measles elimination status, similar to Canada.



Source: CDC as of 1/13/2026



Hawai'i is at risk for measles outbreaks

- Measles virus is currently circulating in the United States and international destinations linked by travel.
- Hawai'i kindergarten MMR vaccine coverage for 2024-25 = 89.9% (US National = 92.5%) which is below the goal 95% threshold to prevent outbreaks.
- Increased risk for measles outbreaks in neighbor islands due to lower vaccination coverage.
 - Religious vaccine exemptions among K-12 students:
 - Kaua'i County = 9.5%
 - Hawai'i County = 9.1%
 - Maui County = 6.8%
 - Honolulu County = 4.1%
 - 24 schools reported having more than half of students not meeting required vaccination milestones
- Closing the vaccination coverage gap will decrease outbreak risk.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/news/newsroom/student-immunization-rates-show-mixed-results/>



Measles is back. Are you ready?

- We all need to be ready now.
- Outbreaks can be large, placing pressure on healthcare facilities to test and treat patients while maintaining strict infection control measures.
- Strongly recommend connecting with your facility Infection Preventionist to jointly review [Hawai'i Department of Health's measles resource page](#), [CDC's Preparing and Responding to Measles: Checklist for Healthcare Workers](#), your facility's measles or airborne infectious disease response plan readiness, and support staff education to enhance preparedness.
 - [AAP's Think Measles resource](#) helpful to ensure early triage and assessment in a location, outdoors or in an AIIR.
- CDC has a free, web-based continuing education: [Clinical Overview of Measles: Diagnosis, Laboratory Testing, and Outbreak Response](#).



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DOH URGES HAWAII RESIDENTS TO STAY VIGILANT AS CASES OF MEASLES CONTINUE TO RISE

Posted on Mar 17, 2025 in [Newsroom](#)

HONOLULU — The health and safety of Hawaii residents are a top priority as measles cases continue to rise in the United States and internationally. Despite the success of vaccines in preventing diseases, the highly contagious viral illness is returning after being declared eliminated in the United States in 2000.

“Prevention is the best cure, and a measles outbreak is preventable. The best protection is vaccination. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are 97% effective in preventing infection and stopping the spread. Measles was once eliminated in the U.S., but low vaccination rates are bringing it back. We can’t let that happen here in Hawaii.”

- Governor Josh Green, MD

Mahalo!



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Agency Reports, Organization Dashboards, & Highlights

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- Federal Fire
- EMS Air Ambulance (REACH)
- Hawaii Life Flight
- Optimum Air
- Life Flight Network
- Kapiolani Community College
- Hawaii Community College
- Trauma Centers



Adjournment

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Next Meeting

Tentative set for Friday April 17, 2026, 9:30AM-11:30AM HST, State of Hawaii Department of Health, Kinau Hale, 1st Floor Boardroom 1250 Punchbowl St. Honolulu HI 96813 & Online via Teams

Tentative Schedule:

January 23, 2026, April 17, 2026, July 24, 2026, and October 23, 2026



Mahalo

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