



GOV. MSG. NO. 365

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee**:

Diane M. Irons

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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GOV. LINDA LINGLE  
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**From:** John Irons [irons@wave.hicv.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2008 9:09 PM  
**To:** dige2 - Joyce K  
**Subject:** Hearing

Dear Senator Ige,

Yesterday I received a phone call to attend a hearing on March 31 on Oahu. Unfortunately I am unable to attend. Please consider my letter dated March 21 as my testimony to be considered for reappointment to the EMS Committee.

Thank you,

Diane Irons

March 21, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
State Capitol, Room 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

The State of Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee was established to advise the Department of Health and the Governor of issues pertaining to the State emergency medical services system.

I have served on the Committee for the past 4 years. Prior to serving on the committee I had no knowledge of what emergency medical services were available to Hawaii residents and specifically to Lanai residents. Since I have been on the committee I have organized a local emergency medical services committee. We have held several community meetings to increase the awareness of what's available to Lanai residents. Our meetings are open to the entire community and include a panel of members from the police dept., fire dept., medical staff, and EMT members. Last year as Director of the Lanai Youth Center one of our community service projects was to make a Fire Of Life refrigerator magnet available to every resident on Lanai. I feel our local committee and these kinds of projects have made a positive difference in this community and I have other ideas I would like to pursue if I am reappointed to this committee.

I have no known conflicts of interest which may affect my serving on the committee.

Thank you for considering me for another appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Irons", written in a cursive style.

Diane Irons  
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In reply, please refer to:  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 365, GM 366, GM 367, GM 368, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES TO THE  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 31, 2008, 1:15 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the appointments of Ms. Diane  
2 Irons, Mr. Ian Santee, Mr. Daniel Schaal, and Mr. William Watkins, to the state Emergency Medical  
3 Services Advisory Committee. They have served admirably on the committee during the past three to  
4 four years.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** Air travel and transportation costs to attend meetings.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Diane Irons (GM 365) has served on the committee from July  
7 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008 as the Maui consumer representative and lives on Lanai. Her experience in  
8 working with youth programs and promoting injury prevention has enhanced our neighbor island  
9 programs and emergency ambulance services.

10 Mr. Ian Santee (GM 366) has served on the committee from July 28, 2004 to June 30, 2008 as  
11 the MICT /EMT/Oahu representative. He is a Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT) with the City  
12 and County of Honolulu and is the current chairperson of the committee. He is recognized as a leader  
13 and has demonstrated his ability to provide high quality prehospital medical care. His participation  
14 brings a field perspective to the committee.

1 Mr. Daniel Schaal (GM 367) has served on the committee from May 3, 2005 to June 30, 2008 as  
2 the Allied Health/Kauai representative. He is a physical therapist on Kauai. We appreciate Mr. Schaal's  
3 input and participation on the EMS Advisory Committee.

4 Mr. William Watkins (GM 368) has served on the committee from July 28, 2004 to June 30,  
5 2008 as the MICT/EMT/Maui representative. He is a MICT with AMR on the island of Maui. He is the  
6 lead team member who participated in the implementation and staffing of the Maui emergency medical  
7 helicopter service. He is also an active participant on the Board of Medical Examiners Emergency  
8 Medical Personnel Advisory Committee for emergency medical personnel training, licensing,  
9 certification and recertification standards.

10 These representatives are an asset and have contributed to the committee. They have already  
11 served their first term.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of these Gubernatorial nominees to the State  
13 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.