



GOV. MSG. NO. 368

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**:

William T. Watkins Jr.

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

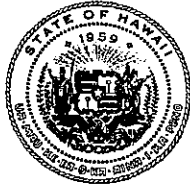
Sincerely,



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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.



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March 14, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige  
State Capitol, Room #215  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

I am writing this letter in support of **Mr. William Watkins** as a nominee to the **Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)**.

I have known Mr. Watkins for over (15) years in his capacity as an EMS field caregiver in Maui County. I have known Mr. Watkins to be truly interested in his career as a Paramedic as well as in how EMS affects the communities he serves.

Mr. Watkins continues to participate as a current Maui County representative on EMSAC and his continued interest in being a member of EMSAC indicates he is still compassionate about the work that needs to be done by this body and the opportunity to participate and steer Statewide EMS in a positive direction by making a difference.

It is without reservation that I urge you to approve Mr. Watkins' nomination to this committee. I assure you that he will continue to do an excellent job and be an experienced asset and respected representative for Maui County.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Curt S. Morimoto  
AMR—Operations Manager  
Maui County