

**TESTIMONY**

**GM802**

**HTH**  
**Confirmation Hearing**

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March 29, 2012

Dear Senator Josh Green, M.D.,

Thank you for the opportunity to support my nomination to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. I hope that the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee will give me the opportunity to give back to the Hawaiian community. I believe that all citizens' should give back to society. I believe that the Emergency Medical Services Committee will allow me to utilize my clinical and administrative experience to help improve Emergency Medical Services in the state of Hawaii.

As a physician member of the emergency medical services advisory committee I believe my role is to provide advice as to the delivery of the best medical care to patients given community resources. I believe my experience as an Emergency Department Director and my various leadership positions in a large healthcare system has given me a broad understanding of healthcare operations. I believe my understanding of these operations can help to overcome with many of the difficulties in transferring patient care between the pre-hospital and hospital settings. My experience also gives me an understanding of barriers paramedics face in delivering care in the field and working with health care facilities. My leadership experience with Hawaii Pacific Health has given me the skills to work with others to improve health care delivery. My primary goal as a member of the emergency medical services advisory committee is to improve the relationship between EMS system and hospitals so that there can be a more effective and efficient delivery of care to patients.

Three of my qualities that I feel will benefit the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee are: my deep seeded desire to help other people, my persistence and that I am a level 5 leader. My desire to help other people lead me to a career in medicine and later an administrative position which has allowed me the ability to affect an organization to improve health care delivery. My persistence has allowed me to make the sacrifice is to become a physician and the ability to pursue goals even when there is a mountain of difficulties to overcome. Organizational change is typically a slow process and I believe it is essential to have the quality of persistence to overcome the frustrations with organizational change process and keep ones commitment to participate in that process. I believe my role as a leader is to elevate an organization to become it best without the need for recognition. I strive for goals for the sake of improving the organization without concern for organizational or personal recognition.

My experience's as an emergency room director is the greatest benefit I can bring the committee. It has allowed me to interact with the EMS system on a daily basis; to understand difficulties in delivering care from both the paramedic's standpoint as well as a health care facilities standpoint. I think this experience will allow me to give input as to the potential best means of delivering healthcare to the public.

I do not perceive any possible conflicts of interest as being a member of the emergency medical services advisory committee since I believe my role is to provide the best advice to the EMS system. I believe my role as a medical director will only helped to enhance the relationship between the EMS system and healthcare facilities.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Lee, M.D., M.B.A.

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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 800, GM 801, GM 802, GM 803, GM 804, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES  
TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**Friday, March 30, 2012, 2:45 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the appointments of Mr. Eric  
2 Ishida, Mr. Alan Kimura, Dr. William Lee, Dr. Think Nguyen, and Mr. Chris Rose, to the State  
3 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

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

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Eric Ishida (GM 800) is a Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT)  
6 and an ambulance station supervisor for American Medical Response (AMR) on Kauai. He has 20 years  
7 of experience in EMS to bring to his position on EMSAC.

8 Mr. Alan Kimura (GM 801) has served on the committee for the past year as a consumer  
9 advocate representing Kauai. He is a former State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA)  
10 appointee and subarea council chairman with an array of community experiences that he has brought to  
11 his role on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

12 Dr. William Lee (GM 802) is an emergency physician and the Chief of the Department of  
13 Emergency Services at Straub Clinic and Hospital. His clinical and administrative experiences will be  
14 an asset to this Committee.

1 Dr. Thinh Nguyen (GM 803), has served on this committee since July 1, 2007, is an emergency  
2 physician practicing at several hospitals on Oahu. Prior to going to medical school, he worked as an  
3 emergency medical technician-paramedic. His work with air ambulance provides important experiences  
4 with the emergency medical needs of neighbor island patients, and the challenges faced by hospitals and  
5 providers when patients need to be transferred. This understanding of one of the critical EMS systems  
6 issues in our island state is very helpful to the Committee.

7 Mr. Chris Rose (GM 804) is a Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT) for American Medical  
8 Response (AMR) on Maui and a flight medic for the Maui helicopter. He has 19 years of experience in  
9 the EMS industry to bring to his position on EMSAC.

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