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**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.
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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. Thinh 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.