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**GM 541, GM 542, GM 543, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES TO THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the appointments of Ms. Dian
2 Gruber, Dr. Elizabeth Char, and Mr. Ralph Yawata, to the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory
3 Committee.

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

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Dian Gruber (GM 541) is a registered nurse and is the Manager of
6 Ambulatory Surgery, Recovery Room, and Endoscopy at Maui Memorial Medical Center. She has been
7 an interim appointment to this Committee since July 2012. Her past working experiences in the
8 emergency room and trauma are beneficial to this Committee.

9 Dr. Elizabeth Char (GM 542) is an emergency physician practicing at Straub Clinic and Hospital,
10 is the medical director for American Medical Response on Oahu, and has also been an interim
11 appointment to this Committee since July 2012. Her knowledge, clinical, and administrative
12 experiences are an asset to this Committee.

13 Mr. Ralph Yawata (GM543) is the retired Assistant Chief, Support Services Division, and
14 previously the EMS Bureau Chief of the Hawaii Fire Department. He has attended these EMS Advisory

1 Committee meetings in his previous capacity. He has been an interim appointment to this Committee
2 since July 2012. With more than 25 years of service, he brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and
3 expertise.

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