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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 657, GM 658, GM 659, GM 660, GM 661, and GM 662, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEES TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 1:30 pm**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the appointments of Ms. Lynette  
2 Schaefer, Ms. Dian Gruber, Mr. Charles Griep, Mr. Cody Bonilla, and Dr. Ronald Kuroda to the State  
3 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

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

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Lynette Schaefer (GM 657) is a Chaplain for the Maui Police  
6 Department on the island of Molokai. Several members of her family are EMS providers and she has  
7 served on numerous community boards. Her varied experience will be an asset as the consumer  
8 representative for the County of Maui.

9 Ms. Dian Gruber (GM 658) has served on the committee as an allied health member representing  
10 County of Maui since July 2012. Her experience and insights from her nursing career at Maui Memorial  
11 Medical Center have been valuable. We welcome her reappointment as her participation and  
12 contributions have been beneficial to this committee.

13 Mr. Charles Griep (GM 659 & GM 660) is a Captain, with the Medical Section of the Training  
14 and Research Bureau of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). He has attended the EMS advisory

1 committee meetings in the past as a HFD representative. His knowledge and experience in fire and  
2 emergency medical services will provide valuable background for his work on the committee.

3 Mr. Cody Bonilla (GM 661) is a Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT), team leader, and  
4 injury prevention coordinator for American Medical Response (AMR) on Kauai. He is active in a  
5 number of public service activities. His participation, knowledge, and expertise will be an asset to the  
6 committee.

7 Dr. Ronald Kuroda (GM 662) is a board certified emergency medicine physician practicing at  
8 The Queen's Medical Center. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor for the Department of Surgery at the  
9 John A. Burns School of Medicine. As the Associate Medical Director at Kapiolani Community  
10 College Department of EMS, he is actively involved in the education and training of EMS students. He  
11 will bring valuable experience and perspectives to his role on the committee.

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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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 657, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Board of Health

**Testimony of Linda Rosen MD, M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**April 9, 2014  
1:30 pm**

1 **Department's Position:** Support.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the Board of  
4 Health Nominee, Heather Haynes, MD.

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6 Dr. Haynes is currently medical director for Hale Makua Health Services, a long-term care facility on  
7 Maui and Hui No Ke Ola Pona, the Native Hawaiian Health Care System serving Maui. She is currently  
8 completing work toward a degree in public health at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has a long-  
9 term interest in the health of Native Hawaiians.

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11 Dr. Haynes is actively engaged in community organizations including Ahahui O Na Kauka, the Native  
12 Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, and the Maui County Medical Society. She has served in a leadership  
13 role with a diverse range of community organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, Friends of the  
14 University of Hawaii Cancer Center, Montessori School of Maui, Pacific Cancer Foundation, Maui Arts  
15 and Cultural Center, and Seabury Hall.

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2 She was the keynote speaker at The American Cancer Society “Dreams Can Come True” event. The  
3 primary topic discussed was disparities in Native Hawaiian Cancer incidence and outcomes.

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5 She has in-depth knowledge of a variety of health care settings and Native Hawaiian health. Her  
6 knowledge and experience will be of great benefit to the Board of Health.

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8 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Haynes to the Board Health. Thank you for the  
9 opportunity to testify.

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| Speedy Bailey       | American medical Response | Support                   | No                        |

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| Andy Ancheta, MPH   | American Medical Response | Support                   | No                        |

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April 7, 2014

**TO:**

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Members Committee on Health

**FROM:**

Janice Kalanihuia  
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Kualapuu, HI 96757

**SUBJECT:** GM657

**Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee Lynette Schaefer – Emergency Medical Services  
Advisory Committee Nominee**

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Lynette Schaefer to the Emergency Medical Services advisory committee.

In the last 13 years I've come to know you as President of Molokai General Hospital (MGH), but you may not know that I am in my 30<sup>th</sup> year at MGH and have known Lynette Schaefer just about as long.

Lynette is married to Scotty Schaefer, Molokai's lead MICT, is a retired Episcopal minister, is Molokai's Police Chaplin and works now with Hospice Hawaii – Molokai.

Her credentials make her a perfect candidate to serve on this committee:

- As the wife of an MICT on Molokai she has supported her husband in his profession and fully understands the emergency response needs of a rural community.
- As an Episcopal minister, Lynette showed great compassion and willingness to give of herself to help others. I've always been impressed at her selflessness and ability to sensitively deliver both good news and bad.
- As Police Chaplin she is involved in the most emotionally charged situations this community experiences. Her presence and ability to make sound decisions on the fly make her invaluable.
- Working with Hospice Hawaii – Molokai she provides emotional and spiritual comfort to those in the most need.

What you will get in Lynette Schaefer is thoughtful participation that will draw from all of her experiences. She will be fair, honest and open. I (you) couldn't ask for more than that.

I respectfully ask that you name Lynette Schaefer to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Lynette Golderman Schaefer  
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25 January 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

For over 35 years I have been involved with EMS personnel for various reasons, largely due to my husband's profession as an MICT. I've had many experiences with EMS as a consumer, as an educator, and have known multiple EMS medical directors and division chiefs which means I am aware of some of the complexities of the EMS system from local issues all the way through systemic innovations and changes.

Recently my family experienced the broad spectrum of emergency response when my sister Loretta Fuddy died after a plane crash off Kalaupapa. Joining the EMS advisory committee as a consumer representative is one way for me to give back and remember the legacy of my sister. It would be my honor to encourage, support, and help direct the brave men and women who respond daily.

I want to represent Maui County and our island of Moloka'i as a part of the movement to steer the future of EMS statewide.

Faithfully,

Lynette Schaefer



Jane E Woolsey  
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April 7, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 657

Dear Senate President Kim and Members of the Senate:

I am writing you to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Lynette Schaefer to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

I have known Lynette for all my 28 years of living on Molokai and within those years she has consistently been in service to our community as a pastor, board member, educator, faithful servant and most recently police chaplain.

She served on the Quality Improvement Committee with me at the Molokai Community Health Center through her Board of Directors term when I was their RN Quality Improvement Specialist in 2004 to 2012. She proved herself as a knowledgeable member and always had the community's needs as a priority.

I feel her wealth of knowledge about our community, State of Hawaii and its needs in dealing with emergency services would be a treasured asset to this committee. She has experienced the front line of this arena for more than 30 years being married to a MICT and has a thorough understanding of the delivery system, its good points and also the care gaps that exist today. In my opinion there is no better person for the job.

Please confirm her appointment to the committee. We will all be thankful you did.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E Woolsey (e-signature)  
Molokai Resident

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| william t watkins jr | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Dear Sirs or Madams, I strongly support the appointment of Lynette Schaefer to the State EMSAC. Mrs. Schaefer is a person with strong ties to the community. Her commitment to the betterment of society is unquestionable. She is intellegent and has excelent judgment. Please support Mrs. Schaefer's appointment to the State EMSAC. Thank You William Watkins

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| Paul Kaneshiro      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: It is my privilege to support Ms. Lynette Schaefer's nomination to the EMS Advisory Board. She is a volunteer Chaplain with the Maui Police Dept serving on Molokai. She is a long time retired Pastor and very active in the community. Ms. Schaefer is very involved and knowledgeable about the issues facing Molokai people especially in emergency situations. She also is married to an MICT so she knows both sides of the issues both as a family member and as a First Responder who takes care of the Crisis Intervention needs of victims and their families. I do not know of anyone else better equipped to provide feedback to advise the authorities as to improving and sustaining this vital EMS service. Thank you, Paul Kaneshiro Maui Police Department Chaplain Coordinator

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April 3, 2014

To whom it may concern.

My name is Gary Yabuta and I am the Chief of Police for the Maui Police Department. I understand that Lynette Schaefer is a candidate for the prestigious membership of the State of Hawaii, EMS Committee.

I fully support her candidacy and I believe the State of Hawaii will truly benefit from the efforts and dedication of this truly wise and compassionate person, who Maui County and especially the island of Molokai call "Chaplain Lynette."

You see, Lynette Schaefer is my Police Chaplain she is beloved by my department and the people of Molokai. Most of all, she is a very special person that words cannot fully describe. I wish her the best in her community service endeavors and I am confident that she will be an asset to the EMS Committee.

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| Jeraul S. Pladera   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Lynette Schaefer would be an excellent choice to the Medical Services Advisory Committee. She has tirelessly served the Molokai community in her personal and professional life for many years. This added responsibility will be one that she will take seriously as it will help influence the emergency medical service needs for the community she lives and serves in for years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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April 8, 2014

**VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
State of Hawaii, Senate Committee on Health  
415 South Beretania Street, Conf. Rm. 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Consideration and Confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee for the State of Hawaii, Gubernatorial Nominee, LYNETTE SCHAEFER for a term to expire 6-30-2016

Dear Senators Green and Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

This letter is written in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Lynette G. Schaefer to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee ("EMSAC") for the State of Hawaii.

I know the nominee on a personal and professional basis and highly support her nomination to EMSAC. Ms. Schaefer's professional and educational background is self-evident, as noted on her *curriculum vitae*. After years of service with the Episcopal Church in Hawaii, she is now focused on her chaplain duties with Hospice Hawaii and the Maui Police Department.

As a community volunteer, Ms. Schaefer's efforts have positively impacted virtually every conceivable medical, human and animal services outlet on Molokai, including without limitation, Molokai General Hospital, Molokai Community Health Center, Ka Lima Kokua (hospice), Hale Laiku (family domestic violence shelter), Molokai Women's Health Center, Molokai Community Services Council, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Molokai Humane Society (founder and board member).

On a personal note, Ms. Schaefer and I are both married to career emergency services professionals and accordingly, share in acknowledging the impact and important role that EMSAC can play in the continuum of quality pre-hospital and emergency medical care in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Schaefer's intellect, gracious nature, integrity, and experience with health and pastoral care, and crisis management, uniquely qualify her for service on EMSAC. She is worthy of your consideration and appointment to this Committee.

Thank you again for your consideration in this matter, and for your service to the State of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Jennifer B. Rigg*

JENNIFER B. RIGG