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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.