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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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GM659 Re: Confirmation of Charles Griep to EMSAC committee
Position: Strong Support

07 April 2014

Chair Green and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

Please allow me to express strong support for the nomination of Honolulu Fire Department Captain Charles Griep to the EMS Advisory committee. Captain Griep is knowledgeable in EMS and has dedicated his life to being a first responder. He holds National Registry certification as an EMT for over a decade and helps to train new Firefighter EMT's. He makes every effort to keep abreast of new developments and has a good understanding of the "why" behind the protocols used by EMS. His military, work, and community experience make for a broad perspective and clarity in judgment.

Beyond his professional work, Charles is very active in this community and has volunteered with the Lion's club, the Food Bank, and Muscular dystrophy campaigns to name a few. He is extremely hard working and more than willing to donate his time to serve as a member of the EMSAC committee. He is an outstanding leader, facilitator and a team player with exceptional people skills. EMSAC will be enhanced with him on it.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth A Char MD
Current EMSAC member

April 8, 2014

Senator Josh Green
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RE: Mr. Charles Griep's Nomination to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory
Committee

Dear Senators,

I am currently working for the fire service in the fire prevention division.

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Charles Griep for three years and have known him on a personal basis for twenty-four years. It has truly been an honor to have Mr. Griep as a friend, coworker and brother in the fire service. When I think of Mr. Griep character, the qualities that come to mind are honesty, integrity, and humility.

Mr. Griep currently has over twenty years of dedicated service with the Honolulu Fire Department. He was also employed by the Air Force Reserves which he held both operational and managerial positions before retiring. Mr. Griep has an exceptional work ethic and I know he will always do what is best for our community. His leadership, knowledge, and experience make him an excellent candidate for the Emergency Medical Services Committee. I truly support Mr. Griep's nomination.

Sincerely,



Ken Kunihiro