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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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April 8, 2014

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Senator Josh Green
Chairman of the Committee on Health
Senatorial District 3
Hawaii State Capital, Room 215
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Honorable Josh Green:

I am writing this testimony in support of the nomination of Charles Griep to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Committee for 2014 to 2018 term. I am the Battalion Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department's Charles H. Thurston Training Center. I am his supervisor going on eight months but, have known or worked with him for over 10 years now. Captain Griep is a 20 year veteran, retired from the Air Force Reserve, and is one of two captains in the Medical Section. His primary responsibility is to oversee the Emergency Medical Technician/Responder, and CPR/AED programs for recruits and incumbents'. For each program, he conducts research, coordinates the curriculum, plans instructor schedules, and calculates budget projections. Additionally, he drafted/assisted on the new AED and Medical Director contracts' and continually plans to address HFD's medical response needs. He is dedicated, reliable, and has proven to be a person with high integrity and moral character.

I confidently support Capt. Griep for this committee. With his knowledge, experience, and desire to serve that the Honolulu Fire Department and the State of Hawaii will truly benefit from his appointment to the EMSAC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Yasui
HFD Battalion Chief

TESTIMONY
OF
CHARLES W. M. GRIEP
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH
ON
April 9, 2014
G.M. 660

This submittal is for the consideration and confirmation to serve on the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Charles W. M. Griep, for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for the nomination, and I truly consider this an honor and privilege to be considered as a board member of the EMSAC. I would also like to thank those who submitted letters of support on my behalf.

The majority of my adult life has been as a public servant; I have served 6 years with the Hawaii Air National Guard as an Aircraft Armament Systems Specialist and thereafter transferred to the United States Air Force Reserves (USAFR) Fire Protection Flight and retiring from the USAFR with 17 years 3 months service. I have also served 3 years with the Federal Fire Department-Department of the Navy, and I am currently at 20 years of service with the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). I'm a Fire Captain/EMT-B presently assigned to the department's Training and Research Bureau Medical Section. My community service includes 3 years with the Leeward Oahu Lions Club and the Makalapa Elementary School Community Counsel, participated in multiple food drives for the Hawaii Food Bank, and the Muscular Dystrophy "Fill the Boot" program.

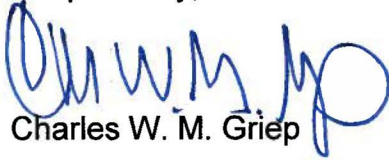
With my years of responding to various emergencies locally, stateside and in various foreign countries, 6 years as the Fire Chief in the USAFR and presently overseeing the HFD's Medical Section, I feel that I can bring a mixture of both field

experiences and office management practices to this committee. I've attended the EMSAC meetings over the years as a representative of the HFD and truly realize how valuable the EMSAC is. However, I also see how complicated the Emergency Services System can be with the various Federal, State, and City and County levels that are involved and make up the system. I will commit myself to better understand the different levels of governance, how they interact, and what coordination is needed to build this evolving system to be the best possible.

It will be an honor to serve on the State EMSAC and I will do my best to represent the people in our communities, portray a professional and positive attitude to members of this committee, and encourage communications across all stakeholders in order to provide the finest possible care we can for the citizens of this 50th state.

At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Respectively,



Charles W. M. Griep

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