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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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TESTIMONY  
OF  
RONALD M. KURODA, MD  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH  
ON  
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G.M. 662

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, RONALD KURODA, for a term to expire on 6-30-2017.

Chair Green and members of committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I consider this an honor to be considered as a board member for the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

I would consider it a privilege to serve as a member of The State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee until June 30, 2017.

As a current board certified Emergency Medicine Physician practicing at the Queen's Medical Center as well as a former Emergency Medical Technician, I believe that my experience and active participation in the field would bring value to the committee.

I recognize that the concept of pre-hospital care is a dynamic field that requires adaptation, not only as the practice of medicine changes, but also to meet the requirements of the community which it serves. In the four and a half years that I have been back home practicing, I have seen changes in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, recommendations for fluid management in trauma, a change in recommendations for oxygen therapy in chest pain and brain injury, as well as a lowering of the trigger level for blood transfusions. As a member of the advisory committee, I would have the opportunity to evaluate the direction that the Department of Health would guide state services. I would also be able to evaluate the efficacy of the committee's recommendations on the front line of emergency services.

I am grateful for the opportunities that have been provided for me by the State and its taxpayers. As a product of the Hawaii public school system as well as the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), I do feel a strong responsibility to contribute to my community. Providing my expertise in this field is one way for me to give back to my community. I am also active in educating medical students at JABSOM. I also serve as an associate medical director for Emergency Medical Services education at Kapiolani Community College.

I would like to thank the Committee on Health for their time and for considering my examination for this board.

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