

GM 587

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, GERALD WRIGHT, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 585, GM 586, GM 587, GM 588, GM 589, GM 590
NOMINEES TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: Fri, March 24, 2017 9am Room Number: 229

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

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the following appointments to the
3 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

4 Mr. Cody Bonilla (GM 585) is a Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT), operations
5 supervisor, and injury prevention coordinator for American Medical Response (AMR) on Kauai.
6 He currently serves on this committee. His knowledge and expertise is an asset to EMSAC.

7 Mr. Eric Ishida (GM 586) is a MICT and an ambulance station supervisor for AMR on
8 Kauai. He has over 20 years of experience in EMS to bring to EMSAC. He has served on this
9 committee since 2012.

10 Mr. Gerald Wright (GM 587) is a MICT and operations team leader at the Hana
11 ambulance station for AMR on Maui. He has over 20 years of experience in EMS to bring to
12 EMSAC.

13 Dr. Joseph Hew (GM 588) is a retired gastroenterologist. He worked to improve
14 communications between several departments at Maui Memorial Medical Center.

15 Mr. Karlson Pung (GM 589) is a MICT and the operations manager for AMR on Hawaii
16 island. He has over 20 years of experience in EMS, currently serves on EMSAC, and served on
17 State Health Planning and Development Agency's Sub-Area Council Board. Mr. Pung plays a

1 vital role in the strong working relationship between AMR and Hawaii Fire Department, the
2 county of Hawaii's 911 provider. His background, experiences, and contributions are an asset to
3 EMSAC.

4 Dr. Michael Hayashi (GM590) is the trauma medical director and a board certified
5 surgical intensivist practicing at The Queen's Medical Center. He should bring valuable
6 knowledge, experience, and perspectives to the committee.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: I have known Mr. Wright since he entered the EMS system on Maui. He will contribute in a positive manner to the EMSAC. Thank you.

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Gerald Wright: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

As a 25 year-plus member of the Maui/Hawaii EMS community I feel I have perspective and understanding of the EMS systems' capabilities and needs.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

To keep current on the state of EMS in Maui, the state and nationally to keep our system current and relevant in a fast-changing health care environment.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

As an advocate for the state to continually upgrade and improve the system via access to new equipment and new trends in emergency health care, and to ensure that caregivers in the field have adequate resources to perform their jobs at a high level.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

Again, as a 25-plus year field paramedic, station Team Leader, Union President, Flight medic, contract negotiator, teacher, I have been intimately involved in Hawaii EMS for decades.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would like to see our charting system receive adequate software and hardware, neither of which I believe are currently optimal. I'd like to ensure that communications systems continue to improve particularly in rural areas. I'd like to see aeromedical continue to improve and also better serve remote locations.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I can be persistent when I feel strongly about correcting a problem I feel is negatively impacting operations.

I think I bring a common-sense, street-level practicality to assessing how an issue both effects our system and how it can be improved.

I can work well with others and enjoy projects that have a specific goal to work towards. In such situations a systematic, coordinated effort with others is particularly rewarding when we see our efforts bear fruit.

- (7) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**

Years of working in a leadership role in Maui County EMS through the union, teaching and as a Team Leader

- (8) **Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**

No.N/A.