

# GM 699

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, ELIZABETH CHAR, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Commission

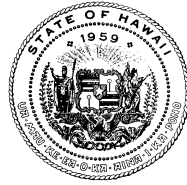
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM699, GM700**  
**NOMINEES TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE**

SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
Hearing Date: Fri, April 7, 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            Dr. Elizabeth Char (GM699) is a physician, board certified in emergency medicine, and  
5    medical director for American Medical Response-Hawaii, Honolulu and Kauai Fire  
6    Departments. She brings extensive emergency medicine knowledge, experience, and  
7    perspectives to the committee. She has served on this committee since 2012, and is the current  
8    EMSAC chair.

9            Mr Alan Kimura (GM700) has served as consumer advocate representing Kauai since  
10    2012. He is a former State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) appointee and  
11    subarea council chairman with community experiences which he has brought to his role on the  
12    EMSAC.

13            Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Andy Ancheta, MPH	American Medical Response	Support	No

Comments:

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Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dr. Char has served this committee extremely well in the past. Please approve her nomination so that she can continue to contribute valuable input that benefits EMS statewide. Thank you.

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Tito Villanueva	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support Dr. Char's reappointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Commission.

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**Elizabeth Char: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Commission**

30 March 2017

Dear Senator Baker and members of the committee,

My name is Elizabeth Char and I am an emergency physician, working in the community as an Emergency physician since 1997. I have focused my career on pre-hospital emergency care and have worked with ambulance service providers, paramedics and EMT's since I returned from training in 1997. I recently was appointed to and EMSAC and last year was selected to chair the committee.

Stakeholders statewide, from EMS agencies, hospitals, the trauma system, fire departments, ocean safety, the military, UH (KCC), allied health, consumers, and public health are usually present at EMSAC meetings. Previous meetings sometimes consisted merely of reports from the various entities, and did not seem to take advantage of the valuable opportunity to engage EMS stakeholders statewide.

There are many changes in the pre-hospital practice of Emergency Medicine and it is crucial that we, as a community, come together to discuss and educate ourselves on these medical and systems issues and the way we provide care to our community. EMSAC is vital in providing the frame and opportunity to do just that.

Working with the director of health and new state EMS branch chief, I have embarked on making the committee more interactive and would like a chance to continue developing this collaboration, in order to build a more robust system and maintain the gains we have made over the years. I firmly believe that the Emergency Physicians need to be involved with and support the pre-hospital endeavors in order to enhance the seamless system of life saving care and am happy to volunteer my time towards this effort.

I would appreciate your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,



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