

GM 799

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

Report Title: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

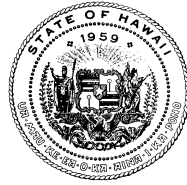
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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM799, GM800
NOMINEES TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: Wed, April 12, 2017 10am 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. Ronald Kuroda (GM799) is a board certified emergency medicine physician
5 practicing at The Queen's Medical Center. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of
6 Surgery, John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Kuroda is the Associate Medical Director,
7 Kapiolani Community College Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) where he is
8 actively involved in the education and training of EMS students. He brings valuable experience
9 and perspectives to his role on the committee. He has served on this committee since 2014.

10 Mr. Ralph Yawata (GM800) is the retired Assistant Chief, Support Services Division,
11 Hawaii County Fire Department. During his tenure he held the position of EMS Bureau Chief.
12 As part of his duties, he attended EMS Advisory Committee meetings therefore, he understands
13 EMS and EMSAC. With more than 25 years of service, he brings a wealth of knowledge,
14 experience, and expertise to EMS. He has served on this committee since July 2012.

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

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Ronald Kuroda: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

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

As a former EMT and current Emergency Department Physician at Queen's Punchbowl and West Oahu, I consider it a privilege to participate in the process of guiding the direction of Hawaii PreHospital care. Over the last 3 years, I have appreciated the ability to learn about EMS across Hawaii and to give input into prehospital priorities.

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

A member of the Board is responsible to become educated about the topics brought up at the meetings. That education is then translated into action by speaking up and suggesting direction which would be in the best interest of the State of Hawaii as a whole. A responsibility to keep in mind that membership on the board carries a fiduciary duty to the public.

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

The health care system is an expensive system. It is important to public well being. There are dangers in systems associated with a large amounts of money assigned to protect the public. Being a member of the board allows for critical questioning of movements within the EMS community. Especially the ability to question if new and expensive systems bring true value at appropriate costs to the people of the community/consumers. Having medical background is important to be able to critically determine medical benefit to the lay consumer vs benefit promoted through advertising.

(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.

I am a practicing Emergency Department Physician on Oahu. I have been in practice for 7 years at Queen's. I have been active in my physician group's finances, pension plan, and workforce recruiting. I have also taken an active role in the education process for EMS providers through Kapiolani Community College for the last 6 years. These experiences give me a view of EMS Systems as they currently exist and the ability to look for avenues of improvement.

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

I hope to continue to contribute my experience and critical review of issues and services to suggest the best quality of EMS delivery across the state.

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

My knowledge of the field of Emergency Medicine and EMS will contribute to the expertise of the collective of the Board.

My belief in the fiduciary duty of a participant who is involved with service to the government will guide my input for the benefit of the people of the state.

The ability to effectively question new processes and proposals to determine if the necessity to allocate valuable resources is valid.

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

My previous work experience as a physician, educator, and my current service as a member of the board.

(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.