

GM534

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER DI ROCCO, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Current Referral: CPH

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

As a pediatric emergency medicine physician, becoming a member of the Hawai'i State Emergency Services Advisory Committee would allow me to advocate for the health and wellbeing of children.

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

To assist with and provide insight into the functioning and ongoing improvement of emergency medical services for the state.

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

Working in the emergency department and being on the receiving end of EMS care, I can offer insight into the experience of our patients and families and provide feedback on the continued quality improvement of EMS.

(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 board certified pediatric emergency medicine provider with a specific interest in disaster preparedness. I serve on the Kalawao Rescue as a medical officer providing disaster assistance for Hawaii, and my experiences with disaster preparation would offer a unique contribution to the Board.

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

I hope to help make meaningful change towards improving EMS for the children of our state.

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

a. Direct communicator: I do not talk around things and I am very direct. This quality can help move meetings forward and come to decisions faster.

b. Problem-solver: I enjoy solving problems.

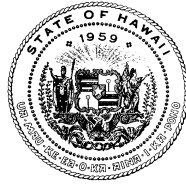
c. Innovative: I think outside the box.

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

I have served on boards in the past, and I am currently serving on multiple advisory boards including the HPH Corporate Emergency Management Committee and the Emerging Infectious Disease Preparedness Task Force. What I have learned from these roles will be beneficial as a board member.

- (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?

I have no conflicts of interest. If a conflict of interest arises I would resign from the position.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. 534 and G.M. 535
NOMINEE TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: March 7, 2018 10:00am Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Air travel and transportation costs to attend meetings.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the appointment of Dr. Peter Di
- 3 Rocco to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).
- 4 Dr. Di Rocco is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics / Pediatric Emergency Medicine and works
- 5 in the emergency department at the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. He
- 6 completed his pediatric residency at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, and his
- 7 pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.
- 8 He attained his Masters of Clinical and Translational Sciences from the Medical College of
- 9 Wisconsin. He is the American Academy of Pediatrics state of Hawaii representative for
- 10 pediatric disaster preparedness and is a medical officer for the Hawaii Disaster Medical
- 11 Assistance Team (DMAT). He is a member of the Kapiolani emerging infectious disease
- 12 preparedness task force, the Hawaii Pacific Health corporate emergency management committee,
- 13 and serves as the Trauma liaison for the Emergency Department. He has a keen interest in
- 14 applying technology clinical medicine. He is the chair of the Website Taskforce for Pediatric
- 15 Residency Recruitment and is actively involved in resident and medical student education.
- 16 The Department of Health supports his appointment without reservation.
- 17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 2, 2018

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Re: CPH 03-07-18 Peter DiRocco, MD
Governor's Nomination
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Dear Senator Baker,

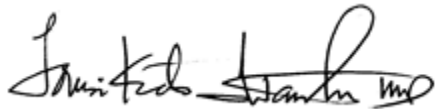
The Hawai'i Emergency Medical Services for Children(EMSC) program strongly recommends without reservation Peter DiRocco, MD to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee(EMSAC).

Dr. DiRocco represents the American Academy of Pediatrics Hawai'i Chapter(HAAP) as a member of the federal Health Resource Services Administration, Maternal Child Health Bureau Hawai'i State Partnership Grant of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Advisory ensuring the interest of children and their families are represented. Dr. DiRocco is the HAAP Disaster Preparedness Chapter Contact and provides our membership and the community with expertise on varied disaster scenarios and resources.

As a member of the EMSAC he would be able to advise on the unique needs of the pediatric population related to Hawai'i's emergency medical services. Dr. DiRocco is Board Certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Medicine has given continuing medical education presentations at the local and state level and is faculty of the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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From: [Nakamura, Kenneth MD CMO](#)
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Subject: Nomination to State emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee- testimony in support of Dr Peter Di Rocco
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 11:43:50 AM

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing to support the nomination of Dr Peter Di Rocco to the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. Dr Di Rocco is a faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and as the Chair of the Department, I can attest to his experience and competency as a pediatric emergency medicine physician. Having a physician with expertise in emergency medical services is a powerful component of broad representation on this committee. Moreover, having a pediatric emergency physician who has a keen interest and expertise in community disaster preparedness and service is valued added beyond just services in an emergency room. Dr Di Rocco has participated and serves in many capacities on this broad scale, including as a medical officer with Kalawao Rescue. His expertise in this area is evidenced by his publications in medical textbooks on disaster preparedness.

As a member of this committee, he will contribute openly, respectfully, collegially and with enthusiasm. This vitality will ensure that as a state, we will have a state emergency medical services program that will assure our community they will have the appropriate services and responses to disasters.

Sincerely,
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March 1, 2018

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RE: Nomination to State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Dear Senator Baker,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Dr. Peter Di Rocco for the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. I have known Dr. Di Rocco for many years as a colleague working in the Emergency Department at Kapi'olani Medical Center. He is a skilled emergency physician and is very adept at caring for the sick and injured children who come to our hospital. He has a passion not only for Pediatric Emergency Medicine, but also for disaster preparation and management. He has been an enormous asset to our hospital serving in these areas along with spearheading our Emerging Infectious Disease Task force. He is also a member of our Hawai'i Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians and gave an excellent presentation at our yearly leadership summit. Dr. Di Rocco is a leader, a skilled communicator and a very hard worker. Given his varied experiences, including Pediatric Emergency Medicine, I think he would offer a different viewpoint that would be very beneficial.

Dr. Di Rocco will be a huge asset to the State of Hawai'i by serving on this committee. I was personally thrilled when he notified me that he was nominated for the position. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Dr. Di Rocco has my highest recommendation.

With warm Aloha,



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