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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 636-637, GM 709, GM 710, GM 711
NOMINEES TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 4/5/2021

Room Number: Via Videoconference

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. Kyle R. Perry (GM 636-637), is a practicing emergency medicine physician with The
5 Queens's Medical Center, the state's only level 1 trauma center and is the Medical Director for
6 LifeSave KūPono, an aeromedical transport service. Dr. Perry's experiences will provide the
7 EMSAC with unique perspectives on emergency care delivery and patient transportation within
8 the state-wide EMS system.

9 Mr. Jacob M. Minei (GM 711), will bring 10+ years of experience as a practicing
10 firefighter with the Kauai Fire Department to EMSAC. He is actively committed to improving
11 Kauai's emergency services. Mr. Minei will provide EMSAC with the neighbor island
12 perspective on first responder needs to support the committee's continued assessment of the
13 state-wide EMS system.

14 Dr. Michael Hayashi (GM 710), is a current member of EMSAC. He is the state trauma
15 medical director, and a board certified surgical intensivist practicing at The Queen's Medical
16 Center. Dr. Hayashi has demonstrated continued leadership and trauma care expertise that has
17 benefitted EMSAC.

1 Dr. Sean Scott Covant (GM 709), is the Medical Director for the City & County of
2 Honolulu Emergency Medical Services and a practicing emergency physician at multiple
3 community hospitals on Oahu, Kauai, and Molokai. Additionally, he serves as both the Disaster
4 Response Coordinator and military liaison for the Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated. Dr.
5 Covant will bring to EMSAC expertise in 911 emergency practices, disaster organization, and
6 clinical education.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.