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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.



## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Support of GM 710, Consideration and confirmation as the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Michael Hayashi, for a term to expire at noon on 06-30-2024.

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Committee Members:

On behalf of The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's), mahalo for the opportunity to share my strong support for the nomination of Dr. Michael Hayashi to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Hayashi in his current capacity as Medical Director for Trauma Services and Acute Care Surgery as well as a practicing surgical intensivist at The Queen's Medical Center. He has demonstrated continued dedication and the steadfast leadership required in a very difficult health care environment. Dr. Hayashi is well respected within our organization and throughout the healthcare field in Hawai'i. As a clinical professor of Surgery, Dr. Hayashi provides the much needed mentorship to further develop future physician leaders for Hawai'i.

Queen's respectfully asks that the Senate Committee on Health support Dr. Hayashi's confirmation for this position. The State will be well served by Dr. Hayashi's continued leadership and I believe that he will carry out his duties as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee with great success. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Whitney Limm, MD  
Chief Physician Executive  
The Queen's Health Systems

*The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.*