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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 520**  
**NOMINEE TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 2/18/2021

Room Number: Via Videoconference

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Air travel and transportation costs to attend meetings.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the appointment of Darren
- 3 Rosario to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).
- 4 Mr. Darren Rosario is the retired fire chief from the County of Hawaii Fire Department. Before
- 5 becoming the fire chief, he was the Battalion Chief for the Emergency Medical Service Bureau.
- 6 His knowledge, expertise, and years of experience will be valuable to EMSAC.
- 7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 16, 2022

The Honorable Representative Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Committee on Health  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Keohokalole:

**Subject: GM520 Relating to EMSA Committee Nominee Darren Rosario**  
**Hearing Date: Friday, February 18, 2022**  
**Time/Place of Hearing: 1:00 p.m.**

I am Kazuo S. K. L. Todd, Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department (HFD). I am in support of Darren J. Rosario for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Darren J. Rosario held the position of Fire Chief of the Hawaii Fire Department for nine years prior to my appointment to this position. He served Hawaii County with a long and distinguished career, and successfully championed many improvements while serving. He is experienced in the field of emergency management and would be an excellent addition to the advisory committee. Despite retirement, Chief Rosario remains active in the Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association and the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation showing his commitment to public service and volunteering. I endorse his nomination and recommend his confirmation to the position.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 808-932-2903 or [kazuo.todd@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:kazuo.todd@hawaiicounty.gov) should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kazuo S. K. L. Todd".

KAZUO S. K. L. TODD  
Fire Chief  
Hawai'i County

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## HAWAII FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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THE SENATE  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2022  
February 18, 2022

Committee on Health

Testimony by  
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

Gov. Msg. No. 520

Nomination of Darren Rosario  
To the Emergency Services Advisory Committee

HTH

The Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA), Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO, represents more than 1,900 professional active-duty fire fighters throughout the State. The HFFA, on behalf of all of our members, **strongly supports Governor's Message 520** nominating Darren Rosario to the Emergency Services Advisory Committee.

Chief Rosario's career with the Hawaii Fire Department (HiFD) spanned 30 years and prior to his retirement in 2020, he served as the Department's Fire Chief for 9 years. Prior to his appointment as Fire chief, his long career with HiFD included 2 years as a fire fighter/ Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), more than 13 years as firefighter/Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT), 4 years a Battalion Chief and 2 years as Assistant Fire Chief. Chief Rosario maintains his State of Hawaii Board of Medical Examiners' MICT licensure and having previously served on the Emergency Advisory Committee, Chief Rosario is very familiar with the charges of the committee

HFFA is confident that Mr. Rosario's professional and educational experiences will be a complement to the Emergency Services Advisory Committee. We appreciate your favorable action on Governor's Message 520.

**GM-520**

Submitted on: 2/15/2022 3:24:46 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Darren Rosario	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Senator Keohokalole, Chair, Honorable Senator Baker, Vice Chair, and Honorable Senators Moriwaki, San Buenaventura, and Fevella, Committee Members,

My name is Darren J. Rosario, Nominee for the appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. I respectfully request your support in my confirmation to this position. I have been involved in EMS in the State of Hawaii since 1987 in various capacities of service with the Hawaii Army National Guard and the Hawaii Fire Department (HFD) in the County of Hawaii. I recently retired from the HFD in 2020 after nearly 31 years of service of which the last 9 years were in the position of Fire Chief of the Department. Over the course of my career, I have had the pleasure of working with several of you regarding key measures such as the Firefighters Cancer Presumptive measures and measures to protect our lifeguards. Although retired, I have been committed to assisting our community with securing its EMS needs. The on-going pandemic and budgetary shortfalls have significantly stressed our EMS system Statewide. Our system is one of the best rated systems in the Country. I am committed to working with my peers, our community and our EMS providers to maintain our EMS System as one of the best in the country for our residents and visitors. My experience in EMS will allow me to further assist my fellow EMSAC committee members. Please refer to my submitted resume for further details.

**Due to a previously scheduled hiking trip on the mainland with family, I will be unable to access the Zoom link to testify in person.** I stand by my submitted written testimony and humbly thank you for your review and support.

Respectfully

Darren J Rosario

**GM-520**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
William Bailey	Testifying for AMR	Support	No

Comments:

In support.