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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 524
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 Stacey Oho to
- 3 the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).
- 4 Mr. Stacey S. Oho is an avid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) healthcare instructor holding
- 5 current instructor certifications in Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS),
- 6 Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), Advanced
- 7 Medical Life Support (AMLS), Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) , and Advanced Hazmat Life
- 8 Support (AHLS) and serves as an Assistant Professor with the Kapiolani Community College
- 9 EMS Department as their lead Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT) instructor.
- 10 Additionally, he is a practicing paramedic with American Medical Response-Kauai County. Mr.
- 11 Oho will bring to EMSAC a thorough understanding of national EMS education standards and
- 12 experience in peer-reviewed patient care reporting and data analysis.
- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Taboniar	Testifying for Kauai Paramedics Association	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of the Kauai Paramedics Association a Union representing all Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians on Kauai. We are in support GM 524.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Danny Kao	Testifying for American Medical Response	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of Mr. Stacey Oho. I've known Mr. Oho for the past 22 years now. He has been a friend, a Instructor, a fellow Co-worked, a preceptor, a peer mentor.... but most of all a caring leader. What Mr. Oho will bring to the EMSAC comittee is a enormous wealth of experience in the field of Emergency Medical Services. He actively works on the island of Kauai & Oahu providing care to the people. He is extrememly well grounded in the challenges that faces this career field. I have absolutely no hesitation at all in recommending Mr. Oho for this position with the EMSAC comittee. If your looking to positive change and someone to really make that change....as to talking about change and nothing happening... Mr. Oho is the person that will do that.

Shoould anyone have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

Thank you for your time

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
William Bailey	Testifying for AMR	Support	No

Comments:

In support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark Kunimune	Testifying for Kapi'olani Community College	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support the appointment of Stacey Oho to the EMSAC committee. Stacey has been my colleague for the past 11 years at Kapi'olani Community College. We both teach in the paramedic program. Stacey is also a practicing paramedic on the island of Kaua'i. Mr. Oho is an outstanding instructor and practitioner. He will be a great addition to the committee using his knowledge and expereince to help the state of Hawai'i's Emergency Medical Services operate in an optimum manner.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me.

Me ka pono

Mark Kunimune

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February 15, 2022

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Committee on Health

RE: GM 524

Dear Senator Keohokalole and Distinguished Committee Members:

This testimony is presented as strong support for the appointment of Stacey Oho, MICT to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Oho for 27 years; both in the classroom as well as on the road as a paramedic. With this, I feel highly qualified in providing this letter of support.

There are several qualities, in particular, I greatly admire. Mr. Oho is a highly qualified and regarded Professor. His students consistently score in the very top tier with regard to national certification exams. As the department chair, I also have had opportunities in reviewing his student and peer evaluations. He is highly regarded by both so much so he has been a finalist for faculty member of the year. He also sets patient care standards with his patient-centered high-quality approach when working as a Paramedic.

These qualities, among many others, are why Mr. Oho would be a positive and productive member of EMSAC. He has the experience, knowledge, capacity, and passion that is required to provide the Department of Health with guidance on how our EMS system functions.

In conclusion, I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Oho as a member of EMSAC. He is and will continue to be an amazing and contributory public servant.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zuckernick, BS, MBA, NR-P

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leaugeay Curry Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing this testimony in support of Stacey Oho as a representative of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee for Kauai. Mr. Oho has extensive knowledge of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) on Kauai. He has experience in the clinical aspect as well as in EMS education on Kauai. This experience provides Mr. Oho with an extensive awareness and understanding of the needs of Kauai EMS.

Mr. Oho has consistently exhibited a strong commitment to both EMS and to the people of Kauai and works tirelessly to provide excellence in both care and instruction. Additionally, due to Mr. Oho's connection with the community, he is well situated to advocate for their interests on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kea Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to express my support for gubernatorial nominee Stacey Oho to a seat on the EMSAC Committee. Stacey Oho is not only a frontline Paramedic for 20+ years but also serves as faculty at the states only EMS training center at Kapiolani Community College. He will bring nothing but support, knowledge, passion and dedication to this committee.

Greetings,

My name is Edward Caballero and I am submitting testimony on my behalf as a private citizen, in support of GM 524 (Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, STACEY OHO, for a term to expire 06-30-2024).

I have known Mr. Stacey Oho for the last twelve (12) years as a colleague at Kapi'olani Community College, where we work as Emergency Medical Service (EMS) educators. Stacey has proven himself, year after year, as an advocate for EMS students, programs, and systems across the state. His reputation as a stalworth and effective educator is proven by the number of paramedics graduated, over the last decade. It is his dedication to the profession that makes him an exceptional candidate for the position of an Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee (EMSAC) member.

Stacey not only advocates for his students but also for all the patients he encounters while working as a paramedic. His continued clinical experience is translated into "real-life" scenarios that current students can learn from. He also is a major "voice" in our community regarding the most up-to-date standards from the American Heart Association (AHA), ensuring that all EMS instructors are updated accordingly.

Stacey is also a very level-headed individual who makes decisions that are for the greater good of the EMS system as a whole. His role as an educator, paramedic, and quality assurance supervisor continues to prove his dedication to the field and the future of EMS.

Therefore, it is through this testimony that I am in support of GM 524 (Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, STACEY OHO, for a term to expire 06-30-2024). Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Edward Caballero

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tito Villanueva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I personally and professionally support Mr. Stacey Oho's appointment as an Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee member and humbly ask for your support. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should I be of additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at 808-639-3819.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Robert Conrad	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

highly recommend for committee I am the amr medical director Kauai excellant paramedic and teacher very complete review of other paramedics run sheets

GM524/February 16, 2022

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony for GM524.

My name is Tina Hamayasu and I am testifying in support of the confirmation of Mr. Stacey Oho to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

Mr. Oho was my paramedic instructor and was influential in the start of my career as a Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT). I had the honor of becoming his colleague teaching the most recent MICT class at Kapiolani Community College (KCC) Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and his colleague working for American Medical Response (AMR) on the island of Kauai.

I have watched and learned from Mr. Oho of what it takes to provide high quality care for our patients, and to give back to our communities. Mr. Oho has been serving the community of Kauai as a paramedic for the past 33 years. He understands the communities and available resources on the island of Kauai and would be instrumental in bringing positive changes to Kauai EMS.

I believe the State of Hawaii is fortunate to have Mr. Stacey Oho as a member of the EMSAC. I know he will continue to bring his knowledge, expertise, and experience to the committee and help the State of Hawaii EMS exceed national standards, and thus provide the people of Kauai, and Hawaii, with highly trained Emergency Medical Technicians and superior Emergency Medical Services.

Thank you for your time and considerations.

Respectfully,

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Stacey Oho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Keohokalole and fellow Senators,

My name is Stacey Oho and I'm seeking an appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. I sincerely apologize that I could not meet with you in person or virtually. I have a previously scheduled training to attend and I was unable to have it rescheduled.

I'm currently one of the instructors for the paramedic program at Kapiolani Community College. I've been affiliated with the college for 25 years and have been a field paramedic on both Oahu and Kauai for 35 years.

I believe my experience in both urban and rural settings will enable me to have a unique perspective. It's an honor and a privilege to work side by side with an array of talented people striving to improve our health system in our community. I hope my years of experience will be an integral addition to EMSAC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Stacey Oho, Assistant Professor at Kapiolani Community College - MICT Program

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jack Nagaishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In regards to GM524. Testimony of SUPPORT

I am submitting testimony in support of Stacey Oho for the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board. For several decades, Stacey has served the community in the Emergency Medical Services field as an EMT, Paramedic, Instructor, and advocate for the community of healthcare. As a Paramedic, he monitors, reviews, and evaluates on an ongoing basis the operations, administration and efficacy of the Honolulu and Kauai county emergency medical services.

The University of Hawaii Kapiolani Community College Emergency Medical services department oversees the State of Hawaii EMS educational programs and Stacy has been the lead instructor for over a decade. As the lead instructor, Stacy has a direct impact on all counties within Hawaii. He strives to improve the environments that he works in, through a positive outlook, infectious enthusiasm, but maintains objectivity, strong ethics, and comprehensive assessments.

Please accept my written testimony in SUPPORT of Stacey Oho's candidacy on EMSAC.

Mahalo,

Jack Nagaishi