

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee?

I am a trauma surgeon and intensivist with experience in air medical transport, and I understand the vital role EMS plays in patient outcomes. I have served on the NDMS Trauma Critical Care Team for over a decade as Supervisory Medical Officer and lead teams in disaster response and medical operations. I have deployed with NDMS teams to provide medical support for National Special Security Events, including the 2025 Presidential Inauguration. I hope to help strengthen EMS across the Hawaiian Islands through improved training, system coordination, and policy development.

2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee?

Committee members advise on policies, system improvements, and resource allocation to enhance rehospital care. Responsibilities include evaluating EMS operations, supporting provider education, and ensuring effective agency coordination.

3. Why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?

I have worked extensively with EMS providers in the field, during transport, and in hospital settings. My experience in trauma, critical care, and air medical transport—along with over ten years on the NDMS Trauma Critical Care Team—gives me firsthand insight into prehospital medicine, emergency logistics, and system-wide challenges. Additionally, my leadership experience in multi-agency coordination and operational planning has prepared me to contribute effectively to this committee.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to support EMS provider training, optimize trauma and critical care transport logistics, and advocate for needed resources—especially in rural and underserved areas on the outer islands.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how they will benefit the committee.

- Strategic: I take a thoughtful, solutions-focused approach to problem-solving.
- Collaborative: I work well in high-stakes, multidisciplinary teams.
- Decisive: My background in trauma, transport, and disaster response requires clear, quick decision-making.

6. Name a previous experience that will be beneficial as a member.

Providing air medical transport for critically ill patients has given me insight into EMS strengths and limitations. My experience leading NDMS medical teams in disaster response and National Special

Security Events has strengthened my ability to navigate system-wide challenges and advocate for sustainable EMS improvements.

7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest? How would you handle them?

I do not anticipate conflicts of interest. If any arise, I will adhere to ethical guidelines and recuse myself as needed to maintain transparency and trust.

Thank you,

Cecily Wang MD

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TO: Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Marilyn A. Matsunaga, Chair
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: **GM 543 Gubernatorial Nominee Cecilia Wang, MD** to the
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

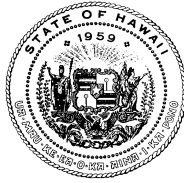
It is an honor to offer this testimony in **STRONGEST SUPPORT** of the appointment of Cecilia “Cecily” Wang, MD, to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

Cecily's extensive experience as a trauma surgeon and intensivist, her leadership in critical care, and her commitment to medical education and humanitarian work make her an exceptional candidate for this role. As you see from her extensive CV, her professional career speaks volumes about her outstanding service as a physician caring for people throughout our state, nation, and around the world.

However, what truly makes Cecily remarkable is her incredible dedication to humanitarian and medical relief work. She's provided critical medical care on the ground in communities hit by earthquakes, cholera outbreaks, famine, and civil war—in places like Haiti, Myanmar, Samoa, Nigeria, South Sudan, and Syria. Her volunteer work with organizations such as Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), Aloha Medical Mission, Ho'ōla Na Pua, South Seas Christian Ministries, and Project Medishare for Haiti, along with her extensive experience in international medical relief missions including those to Jordan, the Philippines, and Palau, powerfully underscores her life's dedication to helping others. She is the author of *No Crying in the Operating Room*, which Kirkus Reviews called “(a) compelling story of a life transformed by the experience of medical mission work.”

Getting to know Cecily through EMSAC has been amazing! She's down-to-earth and humble, and always present at meetings, bringing her thoughtful insights into every discussion.

I wholeheartedly urge you to confirm Dr. Cecilia “Cecily” Wang's appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee! Thank you!



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0543
Gubernatorial Nominee, Cecilia Wang for Emergency Medical Services Advisory
Committee**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Department Position: The Department of Health (Department) support this measure and offers comments.

Department Testimony: The Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB) submits this testimony on behalf of the Department in strong support of the confirmation of Dr. Cecilia F. Wang as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

Dr. Wang brings a wealth of experience to the table, with a distinguished career in both trauma and critical care surgery, spanning over two decades. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from Saba University School of Medicine and has completed extensive post-graduate training, including a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Ohio State University Medical Center and Chief Residency in General Surgery at MedStar Union Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Wang currently serves as the Medical Director for OptimumAir and as an intensivist and ICU Director for Trauma at Pali Momi Medical Center. Additionally, she holds a clinical faculty position as an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine. Her commitment to medical education and patient care is also demonstrated through her past roles as a Trauma and Acute Care Surgeon at Hawaii Pacific Health and her involvement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Trauma Critical Care Team.

1 In addition to her clinical and academic roles, Dr. Wang has a remarkable history of service in
2 humanitarian medical missions worldwide. She has provided critical care and surgery in disaster-
3 stricken areas, including Haiti, South Sudan, Myanmar, and the Philippines, further solidifying
4 her dedication to public health and emergency care on a global scale.

5 We strongly urge your support for Dr. Cecilia F. Wang as she brings her extensive experience
6 and leadership to the EMSAC, ensuring continued excellence in emergency medical services
7 across our state.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure and for your consideration.

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