



The Senate
Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 18th, 2025

Aloha Ann Young:

Congratulations on your nomination to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. To assist the Hawaii State Senate with its confirmation process, we request that you submit the following information to our office no later than February 21st, 2025, to ensure that we proceed in a timely manner:

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

I wish to be a member of this Committee because I believe that civil service by caring citizens is essential to a well-functioning, democratic society and I would like to play my part. EMSAC is charged with the vital task of overseeing the state's emergency services programs, which responds to the emergency needs of the acutely injured and ill. While my day job entails directly serving the children of Hawaii by treating them in the emergency department, a Committee role allows for broader stewardship of our state's emergency care infrastructure. By becoming a member of this committee, I hope to effect positive change to the emergency infrastructure by improving the pediatric readiness of our state's emergency resources, which in turn will save children's lives.

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

As the pediatric representative on EMSAC, my roles and responsibilities include attending and participating in the quarterly board meetings, communication with the directors and front-line workers in Hawaii's EMS departments, collaborating with other board members on committee projects, and providing pediatric emergency expertise where it is needed. I have already reviewed and provided feedback on the pediatric EMS protocols that each EMS crew uses when they treat pediatric patients in the field. I also plan to help with new pediatric-specific innovations and educational initiatives through Emergency Medical Services for Children, whose meetings I also attend.

3. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the board.

As a practicing, board-certified pediatric emergency medicine physician with an interest in community medical education, I possess the specific skills and desire necessary to sit on this committee. I am one of 15 practicing board-certified pediatric emergency medicine physicians who practice at Hawaii's only pediatric tertiary care hospital, Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children. I have undergone rigorous medical training, beginning with medical school at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX, where I was then recruited to general pediatric residency at Texas Children's Hospital, TX. While training to become a general pediatrician, I remained connected to the local community through my volunteer work as a Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor and a simulation educator for the Houston Fire Department. I helped lead training sessions for paramedics to improve their pediatric skills, including hands-on case practice in high-pressure, low-occurrence field situations. I received numerous teaching awards for my service. I was inspired to pursue a career in pediatric emergency medicine after seeing the positive and life-changing impact of this field. I completed my 3-year fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Boston Children's Hospital, where I continued to serve with the local Boston Fire Department EMS crews through helping lead their annual paramedic pediatric simulation trainings and was also selected to serve as Chief Fellow of my fellowship program. My research during fellowship focused on pediatric readiness in general emergency departments in the United States. Taken together, my training, expertise, and continued passion for improving pediatric emergency care at all levels has equipped me to be a member of EMSAC.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
I hope to improve the pediatric readiness of our local EMS crews and general hospitals. I hope to ensure that our EMS pediatric protocols provide EMS crews with practical, safe, and effective interventions to power them to diligently care for children during emergencies and save lives. I hope to partner with our local Kapiolani Community College Paramedic training program for pediatric case reviews and to provide emergency pediatric simulation trainings.
5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.
Three qualities that describe me include: 1) Integrity 2) Humility 3) Diligence. As a person of integrity, I seek to make wise decisions for the good of those around me, regardless of if I am being watched. At times, doing the right thing is difficult, but with integrity, I will have the courage to do what is always right. Having integrity as a

physician and as an EMSAC board member is essential, as we are charged with caring for the vulnerable, as well as the oversight of the emergency care of our state, and we should never abuse that power. I will also assess any issues EMSAC faces with clarity and not shy from fixing things that need to be fixed. As a person of humility, I understand that great things are done together, through community. While I am confident in my skills and training, I also know that I always have something more to learn, and that each person offers their own unique point of view, which enriches our collective understanding. I seek the wisdom of others and do not wish to repeat the mistakes of the past. As a person of diligence, I understand the value of hard work and of leaving no stone unturned. Oversight at a state level entails a high level of care and excellence, starting with the small decisions. I believe that my high level of diligence serves me well in this role, as I will be a person who is reliable and keeps my promises.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a member.
My current job as a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children provides me with essential experience that will benefit me as an EMSAC member. I am at the beating heart of the highest level of pediatric emergency care on the island. Every shift, I regularly interact with EMS crews who come in from the field, receiving their calls, providing real-time medical advice over the phone, and overseeing the transfer of patient care from the pre-hospital to the hospital environment. I believe that this practical experience gives me insight into the situations that EMS front-line workers experience. I deliberately debrief sick patients with EMS crews and provide real-time feedback on their care. This helps me understand their level of training and gaps in their knowledge that need to be addressed.
7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest. If I were to have any conflicts of interest, I would immediately report them to the EMSAC chair.

Please be aware that testimony submitted to committees – including your responses to the above questions - is posted on the Legislature's website; you may wish to remind individuals who intend to submit testimony on your behalf of the public nature of the testimony.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

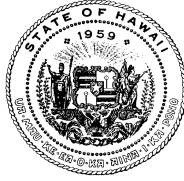
Here is the link to your nomination on the State Capitol website:

[Measure Status Details for GM 541](#)

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0541
Gubernatorial Nominee, Ann Young for Emergency Medical Services Advisory
Committee**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: February 28, 2025

Room Number: 225

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

3 **Department Testimony:** The Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch
4 (EMSIPSB) submits this testimony on behalf of the Department in strong support of the
5 confirmation of Dr. Ann L. Young's as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory
6 Committee (EMSAC).

7 Dr. Young is an exceptional physician with extensive experience in pediatric emergency
8 medicine. Her clinical expertise spans prestigious institutions such as Boston Children's
9 Hospital, Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children, and Texas Children's Hospital.
10 Dr. Young completed her medical education with honors, graduating Magna Cum Laude from
11 Rice University with a BA in Cognitive Science and Biochemistry, and then completing her
12 medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine. She has completed rigorous postdoctoral training
13 in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, including clinical fellowships and leadership roles, preparing
14 her to contribute to the advancement of pediatric emergency care.

15 Throughout her career, Dr. Young has demonstrated her commitment to excellence through
16 several leadership and committee positions. She served as Chief Fellow and on multiple
17 important committees, including the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Selection
18 Committee and the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Leadership Committee at Boston

1 Children's Hospital. Her role as a faculty member at leading hospitals in both Texas and
2 Massachusetts has solidified her as a valuable educator and clinical practitioner.

3 Dr. Young's passion for medical education is evident in her active involvement in teaching
4 courses at both the undergraduate and medical student levels. She has been recognized with
5 multiple honors, including the Gold Humanism Award, the Outstanding Pediatric Resident in
6 Emergency Medicine Award, and the Distinguished Resident Educator Award. She was also
7 selected by her peers as one of the best clinical educators, further solidifying her dedication to
8 fostering the next generation of emergency medicine professionals.

9 Dr. Young's commitment to patient care, teaching, and research, combined with her impressive
10 academic and clinical background, makes her an outstanding candidate for the Emergency
11 Medical Services Advisory Committee. Her broad experience will be invaluable in ensuring that
12 pediatric emergency care continues to evolve in a way that meets the growing and complex
13 needs of our communities.

14 We strongly encourage your support for Dr. Ann L. Young's appointment to the EMSAC, where
15 her expertise will be an asset in shaping the future of emergency medical services.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure, and for your consideration of Dr. Ann
17 L. Young's nomination.

Hearing Scheduled for
Friday, February 28, 2025 at 1:00 pm
Before the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
Hawaii State Capitol

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 541 Ann Young, MD** to the
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

It is an honor to offer this testimony in **STRONGEST SUPPORT** of the appointment of Ann Young, MD to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC). Ann's blend of expertise, passion for pediatrics, and her approachable, hands-on style make her a fantastic fit for this role.

Ann's specialty is pediatric emergency medicine, and her dedication to helping kids through some of their toughest moments is truly inspiring. She's honed her skills at the nation's top children's hospitals, earning recognition for both her clinical care and her leadership in medical education and research. Whether caring for a toddler with a high fever or attending to a teen with a fractured arm, Ann brings a compassionate and steady approach to every situation.

At Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Ann is a valued pediatric emergency medicine physician. She offers timely insights into the trends affecting Hawaii's keiki, sharing with EMSAC recently that they've noticed an increase in emergency visits due to electric bike and scooter injuries, as well as dog bites, especially among boys. Her real-time perspective about children's trends in our emergency rooms is an asset to EMSAC discussions.

Beyond her clinical work, Ann is committed to supporting Hawaii's first responders. She volunteers her time to teach paramedics and firefighters pediatric resuscitation through hands-on simulation training. Her goal is clear: to ensure that first responders feel prepared and confident when treating children, bridging the gap between emergency response and specialized pediatric care.

Thank you for your consideration in confirming Dr. Ann Young to serve on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.