



The Senate Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 18th, 2025

Aloha Patrick Loeffler:

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 am a fellowship trained emergency medicine physician with subspecialty board certification in Emergency Medical Services. I have always had a strong sense of duty to my community and would like to bring my developed skill set to help prevent and solve issues affecting the people of Hawaii.

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

Providing insight from their professional and/or personal experience to the impact of current challenges and its effects on the community. When certain issues are discovered or anticipated, providing salient and feasible recommendations to mitigate or eliminate the negative impacts than could occur.

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.

I completed training as an EMT-B and passed the exam from National Registry of Emergency Medicine Technicians (NREMT) and previous held a license in the state of Georgia as and EMT-B. I then was admitted and graduated from Medical School before residency training in Emergency Medicine followed by fellowship training in EMS. Building on skills first developed as an Eagle Scout, I also participated in additional Wilderness medicine training for swift water rescue

techniques during my training. I am board certified in Emergency Medicine with an additional subspecialty board certification in EMS from the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM).

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

I hope to assist in the continued delivery of optimized prehospital care to the people of Hawaii that aligns with national recommendations and evidence-based practices from scientific literature. I'm particularly interested in evaluating whole blood deployment in the field, and mass casualty response.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Collaborative - I am a team player and feel we all achieve more when we can recognize different and complementary skill sets. We can then more efficiently integrate them and bring the best of our abilities to constructive action.

Pragmatic - I care significantly more for the realistic achievement of solutions for needs than for the traditional or more idealistic route that may fail to achieve resolution. If something no longer works, finding a solution that accomplishes what it was meant to do should be the goal.

Tenacious - Perhaps stubborn may be more accurate a description, but once an important action is identified, it takes much more than difficulty or complexity to discourage me from pursuing it.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a member.

I was involved in the pre-event planning for the Masters National Golf Tournament in Augusta and participated in coordinating medical support for large multi-agency operations for gang arrests (Old Savannah Road Gang, 7 Crown gang) and participated in a massive (\$220 million estimated operation) human trafficking ring in Coffee County, GA with involvement from Homeland Security, FBI, FBI, ATF, and other local police and sheriff agencies.

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 anticipate or currently have any conflicts of interest and would follow the applicable regulations and codes of conduct to resolve any that develop.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0540
Gubernatorial Nominee, Patrick Winfield Loeffler 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. Patrick Winfield Loeffler as a member of the Emergency Medical Services
6 Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

7 Dr. Loeffler is an experienced and highly qualified Emergency Medicine Physician with an
8 extensive background in emergency services, having practiced at hospitals such as Pall Momi
9 Medical Center and Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children in Honolulu, Hawaii.
10 His professional experience also spans emergency medical services (EMS) with significant
11 involvement in pre-hospital care and a fellowship in Emergency Medical Services through
12 Augusta University. Dr. Loeffler's background in emergency medicine, emergency medical
13 services, and leadership in multiple healthcare settings make him an excellent candidate to
14 contribute to EMSAC.

15 Dr. Loeffler holds a Doctorate of Medicine from the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta
16 University, and completed his Emergency Medicine Residency with the same institution, where
17 he was recognized for excellence. His ongoing commitment to education and training in
18 emergency medical services is demonstrated through his EMS/Pre-Hospital Medicine Mini-

1 fellowship and subsequent fellowship at Augusta University, preparing him to address the unique
2 challenges and complexities of emergency services.

3 In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Loeffler has demonstrated his leadership through volunteer
4 roles, including his involvement with Camp Kudzu, an organization dedicated to supporting
5 children with Type 1 diabetes. His experience as a mentor and clinician at the camp shows his
6 commitment to community health and education, particularly in specialized care management.

7 We strongly urge your support for Dr. Patrick Winfield Loeffler as a member of the Emergency
8 Medical Services Advisory Committee, where his expertise in emergency medicine, EMS, and
9 pre-hospital care will be invaluable in shaping and enhancing the future of emergency medical
10 services in our state.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure, and for your consideration of Dr.
12 Patrick Winfield Loeffler's nomination.

GM-540

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Testimony for HHS on 2/28/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Char	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dr Patrick Loeffler will be a great addition to EMSAC with his experience and training as an Emergency Physician and his familiarity working in various Emergency Departments in the community. Kudos to him for volunteering his time and energy to support EMSAC and EMS in the state

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 540 Patrick Loeffler, MD** to the
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

It is an honor to offer this testimony in **STRONGEST SUPPORT** of the appointment of Patrick Loeffler, MD to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

Patrick earned the rank of Eagle Scout as a young man and lives a life filled with its values of leadership, integrity, compassion, and service to others. Whether he's managing a crisis in the emergency department, collaborating with EMS providers on innovative practices, or contributing to national discussions on prehospital care, Patrick brings clinical expertise, calm, and leadership skills to the care team. When Hurricanes Matthew and Irma hit in the mid 2000's, Patrick was there providing hands-on support. He didn't shy away, he leaned in to help.

At Pali Momi Medical Center and Kapiolani Medical Center, Patrick serves the community as an emergency room physician. He cares everyone of all ages from keiki to kupuna. This breadth of experience gives him valuable insights into the strengths of our EMS system as well as the challenges faced by emergency responders and the healthcare system on Oahu. He's also contributed to national discussions on EMS practices and has published abstracts and presented research on topics such as "Integrating EMS providers in the pre-clinical medical school curriculum to aid in interdisciplinary education" and more.

Patrick is an incredible asset to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board. His blend of experience, passion, and those core values that started with Scouting shine through in his contributions at meetings.

Thank you for your support of Dr. Patrick Loeffler's nomination to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.