

To President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

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

*I would like to provide my input as an emergency physician to the state EMS system.*

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

*As the statute states, monitor, review and evaluate on an ongoing basis the operations, administration and efficacy of the state EMS system.*

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 am a board- certified emergency physician. I have worked in Hawaii since 2003. I am currently an emergency physician at the Pali Momi Medical Center and Kapiolani Medical Center for Women's and Children's Hospital. In addition, I am the Medical Director for the Honolulu Fire Department. I was a previous member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011. I was also the Medical Director for Hawaii Air Ambulance from 2004 to 2010. In 2003, I worked at the Queens Medical Center as an emergency physician. Before medical school, I worked as an EMT-Paramedic in Southern California.*

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

*Make sure the state EMS system in Hawaii continue to provide the best care for its residents, and to ensure the providers are supported, and have the tools to provide this care.*

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

*Experience, motivation and compassion*

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

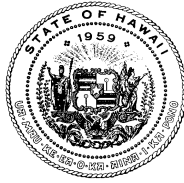
*I was a previous member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011.*

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 see any foresee any conflicts of interest during my service as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.*

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0542**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee, THINH NGUYEN for Emergency Medical Services Advisory**  
**Committee**

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

Hearing Date: February 24, 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. Thinh T. Nguyen as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
6 Committee (EMSAC).

7 Dr. Nguyen brings over two decades of extensive experience in emergency medicine and  
8 emergency medical services. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from St. George's  
9 University School of Medicine and completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at The  
10 Brooklyn Hospital Center. Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Nguyen has served as an  
11 Attending Physician in the Emergency Departments at Pali Momi Medical Center, Kapiolani  
12 Medical Center for Women and Children's Hospital, and The Queen's Medical Center, where he  
13 has played a critical role in providing high-quality care in urgent and high-pressure  
14 environments.

15 In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Nguyen has also demonstrated exceptional leadership as the  
16 Medical Director for both the Honolulu Fire Department and Hawaii Life Flight. His leadership  
17 in these roles has had a direct and positive impact on emergency medical operations and patient  
18 care, further showcasing his qualifications for this advisory position.

- 1 We strongly urge your support for Dr. Thinh T. Nguyen as he brings his extensive knowledge,
- 2 leadership, and expertise to the EMSAC, ensuring the continued success and development of
- 3 emergency medical services in our state.
- 4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure, and for your consideration of Dr.
- 5 Nguyen's confirmation.

Hearing scheduled for  
Monday, February 24, 2025 at 1:05 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 542 Gubernatorial Nominee Thinh Nguyen, MD** to the  
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

I am writing to express my **STRONGEST SUPPORT** for the appointment of Thinh Nguyen, MD, FACEP, to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) in Hawaii.

Thinh's journey through the emergency medical field is extraordinary. He has held virtually every frontline role within emergency medical services, starting as an EMT, advancing to a paramedic, and ultimately becoming a highly respected emergency physician. This rare and comprehensive perspective equips him with valuable insight into the challenges and needs at virtually every level of emergency response. His experience fosters an empathy and understanding for both first responders and medical professionals, enabling him to bridge gaps and enhance communication across the spectrum of emergency care.

In addition to serving as an emergency room physician with hospitals on Oahu, Thinh's leadership as the Medical Director for the Honolulu Fire Department is a testament to his dedication and influence within Hawaii's emergency services community. Thinh provides HFD with medical guidance and develops critical emergency protocols to help ensure that its emergency response teams continue to operate at a high level. His ability to lead with both compassion and precision has directly impacted the safety and well-being of our community.

Thinh's contributions to EMSAC meetings are wonderful! He is an active participant in our discussions, sharing wisdom, and attends meetings regularly.

I respectfully urge you to confirm Dr. Thinh Nguyen's appointment with the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee! Thank you!