

MAREN ANKA - QUESTIONNAIRE

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

I am already a member (accidentally placed in the Allied Health seat instead of the MICT seat in 2021). As a working Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT), I feel that it is critical that the issues we see on the road are shared with the Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

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

I will/do raise awareness of Maui County specific issues and see how they overlap with the other counties. There is a tendency to focus on Oahu (due to population levels there), but Maui County has very specific issues due to being a three-island county that has challenging Emergency Medical Service logistics.

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 already sit on the board. I have been collaborating with other MICT's in all the counties, in order to identify any overlapping issues. I am well versed in the issues DOH requires for this seat and the challenges of the Sunshine Law that governs our communications.

My qualifications come from 11 years on the road, while also serving as Kapiolani College staff for the EMS training department. I've collaborated with the US Coast Guard to develop a Diving Safety Worksheet to assist the EMS crews when they receive patients from the dive community. Over the last decade, I served as a primary crew member on Maui Medevac Rotor, stepping up when the HLF plane crash happened. We also cover the entire state for air transfers.

I have a deep dedication and commitment to EMSAC, which can be seen over the last 4 years through my public speaking. I have been the squeaky wheel when contract issues for Maui and Kauai County deeply affected all of the Emergency Medical Service Road crews. I will always speak my truth.

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

Getting Maui County working radios with emergency call buttons that operate well, to keep everyone on the road as safe as possible.

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

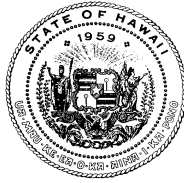
- **passionate about my work and the community I serve.**
- **Well versed in the challenges of being a rural county that consists of three islands and only one trauma center.**

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

I am a current board member as well – so this will mean continuing participation on this important Board.

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'm a full-time AMR employee. They are the only company operating ambulances in Maui County. I represent the county, not the company as a board member. I feel that I am in a very clear role - only wanting what best serves our Community in EMS.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0548
Gubernatorial Nominee, Maren Anka 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 support of the confirmation of
5 Maren Rachel Anka as a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
6 (EMSAC).

7 Ms. Anka brings a wealth of experience in emergency medical services (EMS) and health and
8 safety, along with a deep commitment to the community. As a current Health and Safety Officer
9 at American Medical Response for Maui County, Ms. Anka's role includes overseeing critical
10 patient care and safety measures, providing leadership in emergency medical services, and
11 ensuring compliance with medical safety standards. Her extensive experience is further
12 supported by her certifications as a Nationally Registered EMT-P and by the State of Hawaii.
13 She has earned key certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Advanced Medical
14 Life Support (AMLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Medevac flight crew
15 operations.

16 In addition to her EMS work, Ms. Anka is an active educator. As an Adjunct EMS Instructor and
17 Lecturer at Kapiolani Community College since January 2016, she has contributed to teaching a
18 range of courses, including MICT, ACLS, BLS, EMT, and Emergency Medical Responder

1 (EMR) courses. Her role includes lecturing, conducting skills practice, and assisting with ocean
2 safety training. Ms. Anka is also an ACLS, BLS, and EPC/NAEMT Instructor, further
3 demonstrating her dedication to the education and advancement of the next generation of EMS
4 professionals.

5 Ms. Anka has been a member of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee for the
6 State of Hawaii since February 2022 and continues to serve in this capacity through April 2024.
7 Her involvement with EMSAC brings valuable firsthand knowledge of the challenges and
8 priorities of EMS providers in the state.

9 We encourage your support for Maren Rachel Anka's appointment to the EMSAC, where her
10 experience and leadership will be crucial in shaping the future of emergency medical services in
11 Hawaii.

12 We have been informed that, due to work commitments, Ms. Anka will not be able to attend the
13 hearing.

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

GM-548

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Maren Anka will do a good job of representing the paramedic perspective for Maui County.

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 548 Maren Anka** to the
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

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

Maren's wide-ranging experience as a paramedic, EMS instructor, and senior dive guide gives her a practical and well-rounded perspective on emergency services.

Maren has spent years with American Medical Response in Maui, working in a variety of critical care situations. Whether responding to a wide range of medical emergencies on the ground or supporting patient care during transport, she contributes her expertise and focused approach to every scenario. Her experience responding to emergencies in diverse settings has helped her develop an understanding of what works in the field and ideas on what may help improve response.

In addition to her frontline experience, Maren is dedicated to training the next generation of emergency responders. She has been an adjunct instructor at Kapiolani Community College, where she teaches paramedics, EMTs, and first responders. With her background, she does a great job of preparing students for the real-world challenges they'll face in the field.

Maren's contributions to the EMSAC board have been valuable. She shares her insights about pre-hospital care and emergency response, as well as a thoughtful understanding of how policies are implemented in real-world settings. She regularly attends meetings and contributes to discussions.

Thank you in advance for confirming Ms. Maren Anka to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.