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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM533
Laura Mallery-Sayre for Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee**

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

Monday, March 02, 2026 at 01:00 PM | Room Number: 225

1 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports this confirmation
2 offering testimony.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention Systems Branch
4 (EMSIPSB), on behalf of the Department, respectfully submits this testimony in **strong support**
5 of the confirmation of Laura A. Mallery-Sayre, RDH, BSDH, MSDHEd as a member of the
6 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC).

7 Ms. Mallery-Sayre brings more than four decades of distinguished professional leadership,
8 regulatory experience, and community service in the State of Hawaii. A nationally recognized
9 dental hygiene leader and educator, she has served in clinical practice, academia, regulatory
10 advisory roles, and national professional governance for over 47 years. Her extensive service
11 includes faculty appointments at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and
12 Old Dominion University, as well as 42 years as a national educator and 39 years as a practice
13 management consultant.

14 Her longstanding commitment to public protection and regulatory excellence is reflected in her
15 service on the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Dental
16 Advisory Board, where she has served since 1993. She has also contributed to peer review and

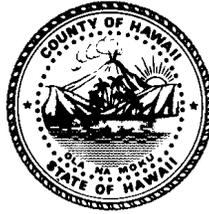
1 advisory committees supporting the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. At the national level,
2 she has held numerous leadership positions within the American Dental Hygienists' Association,
3 including Commissioner for the Assurance of Competence and multiple executive and
4 legislative roles, demonstrating her depth of experience in professional standards, policy, and
5 public accountability.

6 In addition to her professional leadership, Ms. Mallery-Sayre has made extraordinary
7 contributions to public safety in Hawaii. She is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the
8 Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, which has raised more than \$10 million in equipment
9 and training contributions for the Hawaii County Fire Department. Her efforts have directly
10 strengthened emergency response capacity and first responder readiness across Hawai'i Island.
11 She has also served in leadership roles with the Ironman World Championship Race Operations
12 Control Center and has received numerous state and county commendations for her
13 commitment to community service.

14 Ms. Mallery-Sayre's decades of governance experience, dedication to public service, and
15 demonstrated commitment to strengthening emergency response systems make her
16 exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

17 We strongly urge your support for the confirmation of Laura Mallery-Sayre to EMSAC, where
18 her experience, leadership, and commitment to public safety will be a valuable asset to the
19 State of Hawaii.

20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.



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February 28, 2026

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair

RE: Support for GM533 for consideration and confirmation to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, LAURA MALLERY-SAYRE, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

Hearing: March 2, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Aloha Chairs and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of GM533, nominating Laura Mallery Sayre to serve as the Island of Hawai'i community member on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

As Chair of the Hawai'i County Council representing Council District 8, North Kona, I have witnessed firsthand the critical importance of a strong, well-supported emergency medical system for our island communities. Geographic isolation, long transport times, and limited interisland access make EMS coordination and infrastructure especially vital for Hawai'i Island.

Mrs. Sayre brings more than 56 years of experience as a registered dental hygienist, including 41 years serving the people of Hawai'i, along with a Master of Science degree in Dental Hygiene Education. Her career reflects a lifelong commitment to healthcare, education, and public service.

For nearly three decades, she has worked tirelessly through the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation to strengthen emergency response capacity across Hawai'i Island and beyond. Under her leadership, the Foundation has raised more than \$40 million to support first responders, securing 27 fire trucks, aviation fuel trucks, rescue boats, water safety craft, and advanced rescue equipment. The Foundation has also funded critical training programs for swift water rescue, rope rescue, collapsed structure response, fire suppression, and ocean safety.

Of historic significance is Mrs. Sayre's leadership in establishing Hawai'i Island's first dedicated aeromedical critical care transport system. Through her successful partnership with

Life Flight Network, the Foundation's \$15 million Airbus H145 twin-engine helicopter now provides critical care transport between Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. Life Flight Network has invested an additional \$38 million into this program, which has already completed over 150 missions since November 2025, providing lifesaving access to advanced care for our residents.

Mrs. Sayre's work demonstrates not only exceptional fundraising and leadership skills, but also a deep understanding of EMS system needs, infrastructure development, and interagency collaboration. Her passion for saving lives, combined with her practical experience supporting our first responders, makes her uniquely qualified to serve on this advisory committee.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of GM533 and confirmation of Laura Mallory Sayre's nomination. Her expertise, dedication, and proven record of service will be an asset to the State of Hawai'i as we continue to strengthen emergency medical services for all our communities.

Mahalo for your consideration.

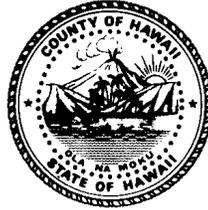
Sincerely,



HOLEKA GORO INABA, Ed.D.,
Council Chair, District 8, North Kona

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February 28, 2026

Testimony of James E. Hustace
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Before the
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

On
GM533, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, Laura Mallery-Sayre

Monday, March 2, 2026, 1pm
Conference Room 225

Chair Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Senator Angus McKelvey, and Committee on Health and Human Services:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and esteemed members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of the nomination of Laura Mallery-Sayre, RDH, MSDHED, FADHA, to serve as the Hawai'i Island community member on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Ms. Mallery-Sayre brings more than five decades of healthcare experience as a registered dental hygienist, including over 41 years serving the people of Hawai'i. With a Master of Science degree in Dental Hygiene Education, she understands both the clinical and systems-based dimensions of healthcare delivery. Her professional background reflects a lifelong commitment to patient safety, health education, and community well-being.

For the past 28 years, she has been a driving force behind the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, an organization dedicated to strengthening emergency response capacity across our state. Through her leadership and tireless advocacy, the Foundation has raised more than \$40 million to support first responders on Hawai'i Island and beyond. These funds have secured critical emergency assets, including fire trucks, rescue boats, water safety craft, aviation fuel trucks, and advanced rescue aircraft.

Most notably, her efforts helped bring the first dedicated aeromedical critical care transport system to Hawai'i Island through the acquisition of an Airbus H145 twin-engine helicopter, operated in partnership with Life Flight Network. This historic collaboration not only placed a \$15 million aircraft in service for our island but also leveraged an additional \$38 million investment to strengthen the overall program. With operations beginning in November 2025, the service has already completed over 150 life-saving missions—dramatically improving survival outcomes for residents facing medical emergencies requiring rapid interisland transport.

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Beyond equipment acquisition, Ms. Mallery-Sayre has supported funding for advanced training in swift water rescue, collapsed building response, rope rescue, fire suppression, and ocean safety. Her work demonstrates not only financial stewardship and fundraising expertise, but also a comprehensive understanding of the operational and training needs of emergency medical and fire personnel.

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee plays a critical role in shaping policy recommendations, strengthening coordination, and ensuring that our EMS systems meet the needs of communities across Hawai'i. Ms. Mallery-Sayre's healthcare experience, proven leadership, and unparalleled commitment to saving lives make her exceptionally well-qualified for this position.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to confirm Laura Mallery-Sayre to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for this nomination.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J E H', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James E. Hustace
Hawai'i County Council Member
District 9 (North & South Kohala)

GM-533

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 2:31:12 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Lenzer Medeiros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have known Laura for over 30 years. During this whole time that I have known to her, she has given selflessly toward the community. I highly recommend her for serving on the governors emergency management team board. She will be an Incredible asset.

sara and Danny Medeiros

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GM-533

Submitted on: 2/27/2026 7:44:47 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Fliear	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

I strongly recommend Laura Mallery-Sayre for appointment to the EMSAC Board as an at large member for Hawai'i Island.

As President and CEO of Kelly Sports & Consulting, Inc. on Maui, I have worked closely with Laura and her husband Frank since 2009 through the PGA Tour's Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. The Daniel R. Sayre Foundation is one of our tournament's valued charities, and Laura directs annual donations to purchase critical fire and rescue equipment and supplemental training for Hawai'i County Fire and Rescue units island-wide.

Since founding the Foundation in 1997, Laura and her team have raised more than \$40 million. These funds have purchased multiple fire trucks, helicopters, rescue boats, jet skis, and other essential life-saving equipment — all with the mission of "Saving Lives."

One day after the tragic Lahaina Fire in August 2023, they established the "Maui Fund." Next month, the Foundation will deliver two new "Big Dog" 4-wheel-drive Fire Tanker Trucks to the Maui Fire Department (their third donation). In 2024, Laura was featured on KHON-2 as one of Hawai'i's "Remarkable Women of the Year."

My wife Jeannine and I fully support Governor Green's nomination. For more on their inspiring work, visit www.danielsayrefoundation.com and click "More" to watch live rescue videos. Laura is a passionate, proven professional who will be an outstanding addition to the committee.

Please contact me at kelly.fliear@hawaiiantel.net, if I can provide further information.

Mahalo,

Kelly and Jeannine Fliear

GM-533

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 9:47:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Wall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to submit testimony in support of Laura Sayre to this position. Laura's ongoing dedication and commitment to improving Emergency Services to Hawaii Island residents and guest is unwavering. I could not think of a better, honest, and dedicated individual than Laura. She is the perfect candidate for this position.

GM-533

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 10:29:51 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ian Chadwick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ian Chadwick, and I serve as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Hawai‘i Fire Department. I strongly support the confirmation of Laura Sayre to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

For 28 years, Laura has been one of Hawai‘i Island’s most effective advocates for emergency response. Through the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, she has raised over \$40 million to strengthen Fire/EMS capabilities across our island. Her efforts have funded fire apparatus, rescue equipment, aviation fuel trucks, rescue boats, and two critical helicopters—the Airbus H125 and H145—which have already supported over 150 missions since November 2025.

Laura understands the unique EMS challenges of Hawai‘i Island: long transport distances, remote communities, and heavy reliance on air medical resources. She has been a trusted partner to our department, consistently working to close capability gaps and improve outcomes for residents and visitors.

Her experience, integrity, and long-standing commitment to saving lives make her exceptionally qualified to serve on EMSAC. I respectfully urge the committee to confirm her appointment.

Ian Chadwick
Assistant Fire Chief
Hawai‘i Fire Department

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February 28, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM533

Dear President Kochi and Members of the Senate:

I am submitting this testimony in SUPPORT of the appointment of nominee Laura Mallery-Sayre to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Laura Mallery-Sayre has been a champion for bringing emergency equipment and services to the Big Island for more than 28 years. She has been instrumental in providing funding through the Daniel K. Sayre Memorial Foundation for emergency equipment and training for our first responders.

The needs of the Big Island are very different than those of other islands and Laura's vast experience will be valuable to the committee. The Big Island needs to have a seat at the table and we appreciate your consideration of Laura Mallery-Sayre's appointment.

Sincerely,
Diane S. Quitiquit

GM-533

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 1:18:48 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Frank H. Sayre, D.D.S.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kakou, My namd is Frank H. Sayre, DDS. I'm a retired dentist and a 51 year resident of Kailua-Kona. While I am married to Laura Mallery-Sayre, I can also be objective in the assessment of her qualifications. She has over 40 years in clinical healthcare and has also had multiple interactions with the Hawaii State Legislature. She has successfully sheparded bills that have improved the quality of, and access to, healthcare for the residents of our state. Her motives have never been for personal gain and they never will be. She will be a wonderful addition to your organization.



Laura A. Mallery-Sayre, RDH, MSDHed

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Aloha Senator San Buenaventura , Chair and Senator McKelvey, Vice-Chair
Committee Members on Health and Human Services

My Name is Laura Mallery-Sayre and my nomination from Governor Green is before you today for Membership on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee for the Hawaii State Department of Health.

As a registered dental hygienist of 56 years (41 here in Hawaii) with a Master's of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene Education, I am very aware of the needs for emergency medical services for the State of Hawaii and in particular for the Island of Hawaii. For the past 28 years, I have been diligently working to provide emergency equipment and training for the Hawaii Fire Department through the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation. To date we have raised over \$40M to support our community and our first responders on the Big Island including in the past two years we have secured \$3.5M for the Maui Fire Department for seven fire trucks.

Through our Foundation we have secured funding for 27 fire trucks, two aviation fuel trucks, three rescue boats, 4 water safety craft, an Airbus H125 EMS/Rescue/Fire Suppression helicopter and an Airbus H145 twin engine critical care transport helicopter for Hawaii Island to name just a few of our acquisitions to provide emergency care for our Big Island community. We have also provided the financial support for swift water training, collapsed building training, ropes rescue training, fire suppression training, and ocean safety training along with the equipment needed for effective and reliable rescues.

The mission of the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation is to save lives in Hawaii and I am absolutely passionate about fulfilling this mission so that other families will not have to experience a loss of a loved one. I believe that I can bring my expertise in supporting our first responders and my knowledge of the needs of our EMS programs to this position. I am passionate about saving lives, I am a successful fund-raiser, and I am a respected community advocate. I carry the trust of our benefactors in being able to get the jobs done. I successfully negotiated an agreement with Life Flight Network to partner with our Foundation and to fly our \$15 Million Airbus H145 helicopter for critical care transport from the Big Island to Oahu. They, in turn, have invested an additional \$38 Million into this program to ensure that our community members have the best chance at survival when their lives are at stake. This is the first time in history that the Island of Hawaii has had their own aeromedical, critical care transport system. Already LFN has flown over 150 missions since November 7th, 2025 and we have three more helicopters coming.

It would be a tremendous honor for me to serve on this extremely valuable Department of Health Advisory Committee for the State of Hawaii as we move forward in providing additional emergency medical services for our entire State. As you can see from my biodata, I enjoy being a responsible leader and serving others. I have no conflicts of interest. I appreciate your consideration.

Mahalo,

Laura Mallery-Sayre, RDH, MSDHed, FADHA
Co-Founder and Executive Director, The Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, Inc.

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February 28, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to offer my strong and unequivocal support for Laura Sayre and her appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) Board. I understand this letter will be considered as part of the gubernatorial appointment process and the EMSAC Board hearing scheduled for March 2.

By way of background, I am a licensed attorney, registered nurse, a former paramedic, and a former EMS system coordinator for Chicago South EMS System, one of the busiest EMS systems in the country. In these roles, I worked extensively at the intersection of frontline emergency care, system operations, regulatory oversight, and policy implementation. I therefore have a deep understanding of both the complexity and the critical importance of the EMSAC Board's work to the state and to the communities it serves.

With that perspective, I can state with confidence that Laura Sayre is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the EMSAC Board. She brings a thoughtful, informed, and systems-based approach to emergency medical services, grounded in collaboration, accountability, and public service. Laura understands the real-world challenges faced by EMS providers and agencies, and she approaches solutions with both pragmatism and vision.

Throughout her professional and civic work, Laura has demonstrated sound judgment, strong ethical leadership, and a genuine commitment to improving EMS delivery and outcomes. She listens carefully to diverse viewpoints, values data-driven decision-making, and remains focused on strengthening EMS systems for patients, providers, and communities alike.

Given my experience within one of the nation's most demanding EMS environments, I recognize how essential knowledgeable, balanced, and dedicated leadership is at the advisory level. Laura Sayre embodies these qualities, and I am confident she will serve with distinction and make meaningful contributions to the EMSAC Board.

I respectfully urge your full consideration and support of her appointment. Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to advancing emergency medical services across our state.

Sincerely,

Claudia Niersbach Graham

February 28, 2026

Hawaii State Senate: GM533

Testimony for Laura Malley-Sayre

EMSAC for the Community Member position for the Island of Hawaii

Aloha,

I have known Laura Mallery-Sayre for nearly 40 years, first in a professional environment, as a patient in the office of Frank Sayre, DDS and Laura Mallery-Sayre, RDH. As a Registered Nurse of now over 50 years, I can attest to the fact that no clinical dental practice was more clinically or professionally managed. Laura Mallery-Sayre was a renown dental hygienist not only here in Hawaii, but also on the United State national level.

Years ago, my own children went to school with Frank and Laura's son, Daniel (Danny) Sayre. He was a fine young man and within days of attending college in Michigan, he was killed in a tragic accident. Through the heroic efforts of the Hawaii Fire Department, Danny's body was retrieved under dangerous circumstances. It was through that experience and while mourning their son, Frank and Laura created The Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation. Through this Foundation and with the dedication and focus of Frank and Laura, very significant funds and improvements have been implemented for the health and welfare of the citizens of Hawaii Island. A well-known philanthropist told me, "After I speak with Laura and let her know what I would like to do for the benefit of the people of Hawaii Island, Laura seems to immediately understand and never has to be told twice, enabling my words to become a reality. "

My own experience is that in speaking in person to Laura, she makes and holds complete eye contact with me. She listens intently and never seems rushed to truly hear and process what I am saying. For this and so many other reasons, I treasure and am grateful for Laura's friendship, but even more so for her ability to turn a very personal tragedy into good deeds that benefit all the people of Hawaii Island. After the tragedy in Lahaina Maui, Laura mentioned that the Foundation would be donating several fire trucks to Maui Island.

I can't think of anyone better suited to serve on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee than Laura Mallery-Sayre.

Mahalo, Mary L. Andrews, RN, BSN, MSN, Faculty University of Hawaii Hilo (Ret)

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GM-533

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 11:08:45 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tina Clothier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 1, 2026

Kamana Levy, Office Manager

Office of Senator Joy San Buenaventura

District 2:Puna

Hawaii State Senate

415 South Beretania Street Room 213

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Senator San Buenaventura and Kamana,

I am writing to encourage you to appoint Laura Mallery-Sayre to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee in the community member position for the Island of Hawaii.

I first met Laura in the 1983, when she was my dental hygienist. Since that time, I have had the pleasure of working with Laura during my time with the American Cancer Society (1995-2010) and then with PATH (2013-2020). While with PATH, Laura was instrumental in the advocacy for and installation of, Queens Lei along Ane Keoholalole.

I have watched Laura manage the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation over the past 28 years.

During that time, the foundation has raised over \$40M to support our community and our first responders on the Big Island. I

Through our Foundation we have secured funding for 27 fire trucks, two aviation fuel trucks, three rescue boats, 4 water safety craft, an Airbus H125 EMS/Rescue/Fire Suppression helicopter and an Airbus H145 twin engine critical care transport helicopter for Hawaii Island to name just a few of our acquisitions to provide emergency care for our Big Island community.

We have also provided the financial support for swift water training, collapsed building training, ropes rescue training, fire suppression training, and ocean safety training along with the equipment needed for effective and reliable rescues.

Through her own career experiences and her work with the foundation, Laura has gained tremendous insight into the health needs of the Hawaii Island community. I can think of no other person who could bring as much value to the committee than Laura. Please consider Laura for this position.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Tina Clothier

LATE

Hearing Scheduled for
Monday, March 2, 2026 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 533 Gubernatorial Nominee Laura Mallery-Sayre** to the
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

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

Laura Mallery-Sayre's career is in dental care, dental hygiene education, clinical practice, and professional standards. Her service includes serving in leadership roles with dental hygiene associations in multiple states, including Hawaii, and has been involved in policy, examination, and disciplinary processes.

In Hawaii, Laura is much beloved for her deeply heartfelt community service through the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation. Founded with her husband Frank, their memorial fund was established to honor the Hawaii County Fire Department as an expression of their gratitude to the firefighters who put their own lives at risk in retrieving the body of their son, Daniel, who had fallen 500 feet down into a valley. Since its founding in 1997, the Sayre's have held annual ceremonies to celebrate the heroes of the Hawaii County Fire Department. The Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, together with contributions from community members, has donated tens of millions of dollars of rescue equipment and training support to the department and others statewide.

Through her work with the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, Laura's been an asset and valued supporter for Hawaii's first responders and wider ohana.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strongest support of Laura Mallery-Sayre.

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LATE

March 1, 2026

Committee on Health and Human Services
Thirty-Third Legislature
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 409
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RE: GM533

To: Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair, and Members of the
Committee on Health and Human Services

I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment of Ms Laura Mallery-Sayre to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

I trust that all members of the Committee are familiar with Ms Mallery-Sayre's efforts on behalf and in support of the Daniel K. Sayre Memorial Foundation and that Foundation's unique and unprecedented support for the emergency first responders on the Big Island. In particular, the Foundation, under Ms Mallery-Sayre's leadership, has, for more than 28 years, been instrumental in providing funding for the equipment and training needed by those first responders to safely, timely and competently execute their often dangerous and life-saving missions.

The needs of the Big Island with respect to emergency medical services, as well as the needs of each of the other islands, are distinct and different and are seldom adequately addressed by a "top-down, one size fits all" approach. It is my belief, therefore, that Ms Mallery-Sayre's experience in respect of the Foundation and the Foundation's support for the emergency services on Big Island, and those service's needs and requirements, will be a substantive and valuable addition to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. And through that Committee, provide a significant benefit to the provision of emergency services throughout the State of Hawaii.

Therefore, I am requesting that the Committee on Health and Human Services support and move forward for confirmation the appointment of Ms Mallery-Sayre to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely, Sylvester V (Bud) Quitiquit

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GM-533

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 3:03:17 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Shattuck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I give my support to Laura Mallery-Sayre to be appointed to the AMSAC board as an at large member from Hawaii Island. Laura is one of the hardest working humanitarians I have met. She has a true passion for First Responders and the community they support. I believe she would be a great asset to your team.

LATE

Kamana Levy, Office Manager
Office of Senator Joy San Buenaventura
District 2:Puna
Hawaii State Senate
415 South Beretania Street Room 213
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Senator Buenaventura and Ms. Levy:

I enthusiastically write this letter of support for Laura Mallery-Sayre's appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee as a member-at-large from Hawaii island.

I am a resident of North Kohala on Hawaii island and am co-chair of the Alpha 14 Volunteer Fire Department's (Alpha 14 VFD) fundraising committee.

I first met Laura in 2022 when our community began planning a fundraiser to support our local volunteer fire department. Then the tragic fires on August 8th, 2023, struck and our efforts focused on purchasing a new fire engine. Laura's knowledge, guidance and experience were invaluable to us as we navigated the challenges of conducting outreach and fundraising activities in a manner that were consistent with the customs and norms of Hawaii county. With her help we raised \$400k to procure a new four-wheel firetruck.

I am sure Laura's energy, intelligence, and can-do spirit will be great assets to her position as a member-at-large for the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, please feel free contact me at Marikosakita@gmail.com or 646-241-3116.

Submitted with Aloha,

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GM-533

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:12:21 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Rosen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H., am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Laura Mallery-Sayre for appointment to the to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. As a former Chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Branch of the Department of Health which provides administrative support to this Committee, I am confident that with her history of outstanding leadership and support to achieve many enhancements for EMS services on the island of Hawaii, she will make an invaluable contribution to this Committee. Mahao for the opportunity to testiy.

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GM-533

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 8:53:46 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David okita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please consider the appointment of Laura Mallery-Sayre to the EMSAC Board. I have had a long history with Laura and she would be a tremendous asset to this board

LATE

Nomination for Laura Mallery-Sayer for Gubernatorial Appointment to the DOH Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

I am writing to express my support for Governor Joshua Green's recommendation that Laura Mallery-Sayer be appointed to the DOH Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee as an at large member from Hawaii.

I have gotten to know Ms. Mallery-Sayer through a number of interactions over the last few years and have been deeply impressed by her dedication to improving the emergency services on Hawaii. If the nominations committee were to meet her, they would have an identical impression of her knowledge of the logistics and equipment needed to provide emergency services to the residents of the Big Island.

For the last 28 years, she has been a lead individual raising the funds to purchase rescue helicopters, rescue boats, fire trucks, jet skis and other needed rescue equipment for the Fire Department on the Big Island. She is well versed in the factors that affect time to rescue, time to transport, and time to transfer to Honolulu.

The safety of the residents of the Big Island has been significantly affected by her efforts. If appointed, her knowledge, experience, and commitment to saving lives would be a invaluable asset to the Emergency Medical Services Committee

In my years on the Big Island, I cannot identify another resident who could offer as much to the Committee as Ms. Mallery- Sayer.

Please accept Governor Green's recommendation and appoint Laura Mallery- Sayer to the Emergency Medical Services Committee.

Respectfully,



L. Douglas Graham, MD, FACP

Former Chairman Kona Hospital Foundation

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Aloha Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee,

I have known Laura Mallery-Sayre for just over 40 years. I strongly believe she would be an excellent addition to your group.

Not only does Laura hold a Masters of Science Degree, but she is also a very valuable member of the Kona and Big Island Community. Through the Daniel M. Sayre Memorial Foundation Laura, along with Frank Sayre, have raised over 40 million dollars to support our residents. Furthermore, they are dedicated to provide emergency care for the Big Island not only through the fire department, but also have provided a much needed Airbus to fly critical care residents to Oahu. Also over the years the Sayre Foundation has secured rescue boats, water safety craft, fire and fuel trucks.

Personally, Laura Mallery-Sayre has a huge loving heart for giving. She thinks of others before herself. Laura's generous, wise, caring spirit would be a very unique addition to your Emergency Medical Committee.

Warmest Appreciation,

Dori Ingalls

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Letter of Support for Laura Mallory Sayre

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing in strong support of Laura Mallory Sayre's nomination to serve on the State of Hawai'i Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee as the Community Member representative for the Island of Hawai'i.

I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the impact Laura has had on emergency services across our island. Through the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, she has demonstrated sustained, measurable, and transformative support for our first responders and EMS infrastructure. Raising over \$40 million for emergency response capabilities is not simply philanthropy, it is systems-level investment in public safety.

The acquisition of fire apparatus, rescue boats, water safety craft, aviation fuel trucks, and most notably the Airbus H125 and H145 helicopters has fundamentally strengthened our island's emergency response capacity. The establishment of a locally based aeromedical critical care transport system, in partnership with Life Flight Network, represents a historic advancement for Hawai'i Island. More than 150 missions since November 2025 clearly demonstrate both need and impact.

Equally important, Laura understands that equipment alone does not save lives, trained personnel do. Her Foundation's support of swift water, rope rescue, collapsed structure, fire suppression, and ocean safety training reflects a comprehensive understanding of what it takes to build a resilient emergency response system.

Laura brings three critical attributes to this role:

- Deep institutional knowledge of emergency response needs on Hawai'i Island
- Proven ability to build partnerships and secure sustainable funding
- A sincere, mission-driven commitment to saving lives

She approaches this work not as a title, but as a responsibility. She understands the realities of operating in a rural, geographically isolated county and the importance of aligning community advocacy with operational realities.

The EMS Advisory Committee would benefit from her experience, perspective, and unwavering commitment to strengthening emergency medical services across our state.

I strongly support her nomination.

Respectfully,

Jesse Ebersole