RES25-011
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 214

COUNCIL

COUNCIL Meeting

Meeting Date: Apr 16, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 22

Oppose: 3

I wish to comment: 0

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brian Lee	info@hawaiilecet.org	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 10, 2025 @ 08:28 PM

Testimony:

I support the confirmation of Dr. Jim Ireland to serve as the Director of Emergency Services for the City & County of Honolulu. Having personally experienced Dr. Ireland's skill and professional expertise, we are fortunate that he is available to serve all of us in one of the most critical roles in public service.

Dr. Ireland is a caring, hard-working, and knowledgeable practitioner and Department Director, who is known for his deep sense of caring and commitment to his job, and to the many people he touches every day. Dr. Ireland's job is difficult and high-pressure, but he serves with grace, an even temperament, and a good heart. I hope he will be able to continue to do the job he clearly loves and is very good at, for all the people of our beautiful island community.

Mahalo for this opportunity to offer my support.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
John Thielst	thielst@coffman.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 08:32 AM

Testimony:

I support the Dr. Ireland. He has been a huge supporter of our efforts on the NSFRC - he deserves to be confirmed (his nomination was supported by the city council committee last week)

Thank you, John Thielst

38 North Shore Resident

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
Vance Farrant	vance.kaleohano@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 08:36 AM

Testimony:

As a lifelong North Shore resident, I write in strong support of Dr. Ireland, who has been a huge supporter of the North Shore community through his support of the North Shore First Responder Center project near Sharks Cove. Mahalo.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Denise Antolini	antolinid@gmail.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 08:41 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the City Council,

I write in strong support of Dr. Ireland to be confirmed as EMS Director.

As I have stated in my prior testimony, Dr. Ireland has been an active, engaged, and communicative leader with our community on the North Shore First Responder Center that includes a desperately needed new ambulance unit.

I have personally observed him interact with his staff, at EMS facilities and at meetings, where he has exhibited the utmost respect and admiration for his crews.

He and his crews deserve our strong support - and we look forward to working with him to make this project a reality!

Mahalo nui!

Denise Antolini

D2 Pūpūkea resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jenny Yagodich	kaipuna@aol.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 08:58 AM

Testimony:

STRONG SUPPORT: RES25-011

CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES H. E. IRELAND, M.D., TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Leila Jabour	leiladthomas@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:05 AM

Testimony:

I support the nomination of Dr. Jim Ireland to continue as EMS Director. We are grateful for his dedication to public and civil services and will continue to support him as director.

Name:	Email:	Zip:

Kiron Jabour	kiron_jabour@hotmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:17 AM
Testimony: I support Dr. Jim Ireland to continue as EMS Director. Mahalo, Kiron Jabour , north shore resident		
Name: Wendy Tsue	Email: tsueeit@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:17 AM
Testimony: I support bill23 resolution 25-011 I think it’s great that a lifeguard center will be located across shark’s cove. The north shore needs it.		
Name: Jessica dos Santos	Email: nrtshrlv@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:42 AM
Testimony: Aloha City Council, I support RES25-011 - CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES H. E. IRELAND, M.D., TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU because he has widespread support from our community and the city council. Mahalo, Kahuku Resident Jessica dos Santos		
Name: Crystal Thornburg-Homcy	Email: cravegreens@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:46 AM
Testimony: I am in support of this agenda.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Chu Lan Shubert-Kwovk	clskwock@gmail.com	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Chinatown Business & Community Assiciatiom	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:53 AM

Testimony:

Ever since the City created CORE in Chinatown over 3.5 years ago - we see much improvements in homeless services addressing the multi facet needs to our homeless population.

Dr. James Ireland is a hard worker willing and able to lead by attacking these complex issues head on - we are happy to support his appointment because we want to see accountability, innovation and a serious commitment to assist and reduce the suffering of homeless folks on our streets in Chinatown.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Vance Farrant	info@northshoreland.org	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
North Shore Community Land Trust	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 12:26 PM

Testimony:

North Shore Community Land Trust is in strong support of Dr. Ireland continuing as EMS Director due to his strong support of the North Shore First Responder Center project, which is critical for the near and long term wellbeing of the North Shore community that NSCLT serves. Mahalo.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Monique Cole	teamremonique@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 12:27 PM

Testimony:

Please confirm the nomination of Dr. Jim Ireland to continue as EMS Director.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Katherine Metzger	Katie@hanaihives.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Hānai Hives	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 12:36 PM

Testimony:

Dr. Ireland has proved to be a great asset to our island community and we are so grateful for his support for the North Shore First Responder Station. He deserves to be confirmed. We look forward to having Dr Ieland as our Director of Emergency Services!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Nanette Dorr	alapiodorr@aol.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 02:15 PM

Testimony:

Aloha City Council,

I support RES25-011 as Dr. James Ireland has been a dedicated, hardworking member of the EMS of the City and County of Honolulu who should be able to continue the good work he has done as the Director during these trying times.

Mahalo

Nanette Dorr,

resident of Pupukea, Oahu

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Larry McElheny	lkmcelheny@gmail.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 06:11 PM

Testimony:

Aloha

I strongly support the confirmation of Dr. James Ireland as Director, EMS.

Mahalo

Larry Mcelheny

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Andrea Woods	andreaswimsunset@yahoo.com	96712

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 07:57 PM

Testimony:

Aloha City Council,

I support Resolution 25-011because Dr. James Ireland has shown himself to be an advocate for safety for the North Shore and very effective in his position as Director of Emergency Services.

Mahalo

Andrea Woods, resident of North Shore of O'ahu

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Arleen velasco	avelasco@oahu.surfrider.org	96815

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:32 PM

Testimony:

Please support the nomination of James Ireland.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ana Baldinger	ana.baldinger@gmail.com	96731
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 14, 2025 @ 09:53 PM

Testimony:

I support the nomination of Dr. Jim Ireland.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lynell DaMate	Lynelld808@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 15, 2025 @ 08:53 AM

Testimony:

I support the confirmation of Dr. Jim Ireland to serve as the Director of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu. He has been a Strong Advocate for the safety and well -being of residents and visitors alike.

Mahalo Nui

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mark Cruz	cruzcontroler@yahoo.com	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Apr 15, 2025 @ 09:20 AM

Testimony:

I stand opposed to Dr Ireland's nomination. Honolulu EMS has lost its ranking as one of the best in the nation to being just another average EMS system. Moral is low, promotions and jobs have been given away to friends and supporters and not merit based. Several promoted district chiefs have done nothing to improve EMS, no projects or system improvements. Some are known as lazy and sleep all night in the office. One has a completed investigation on Dr Ireland's desk that delayed pt care that Dr Ireland has taken no action because she is "friend". Recently there was a data breech of the reporting system of a pt that dozens of employees viewed and could have printed. This is similar to the recent HPD breech and was kept from the public. How can the public trust Dr Ireland and he's cronies to provide the proper prehospital care we all deserve. I am strongly opposed to Dr Ireland's nomination as Director. He may be a good Physican, political activist and friend to promoted testifiers but he must not remain for another 4 years

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Karen Gallagher	karengallagher222@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Apr 15, 2025 @ 09:25 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I have met Dr. Ireland on a few occasions and have also followed his actions via the local news. I feel that he is a huge asset to our community and wholly support him continuing to serve as the Director of Honolulu's EMS.

Mahalo for your time,

Karen Gallagher

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Galen Anonymous	ganonymous@hnl.org	96822
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Apr 15, 2025 @ 09:41 AM

Testimony:

I am opposed to Jim Ireland's appointment. I have worked with him and I observed very poor leadership skills and decision making. He shoots from the hip without conducting proper assessments and or data collection. He rewards friends and those who will do as he asks and "spy" on other employees. He covers up for those employees and finds ways to push out those that oppose him or criticize he's choices and wishes. These goes for uniformed and non uniformed employees. Dozens of employees have left HESD for various reasons. Some that he promoted did not even have the minimum scores but he signed off because they were friends of Jim. Some hardly come to work, make the wrong operational decisions, look sloppy in uniform and when they are at work do minimal work and take a lot of long "naps" especial on the night shifts. This is NOT the type of leadership we require for a first responder system!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kori Oros	Koriharvey@gmail.com	96712
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Support	Apr 15, 2025 @ 10:14 AM

Testimony:

Aloha City Council Members,

I strongly support the nominations of Dr. Ireland to be the director of Emergency Medical Services. He has been instrumental in protecting the north shore community by adding more lifeguard coverage at Kapo'o Shark's Cove and showing up to community meetings about the safety of our shores and mountains. He shows face and wants the best for our communities.

North Shore Resident,

Kori Harvey Oros

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Eddie Fujioka	puunui@msn.com	96818
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Oppose	Apr 15, 2025 @ 01:28 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair Water and Council members

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on Resolution 25-11

I am strong opposition of Resolution 25-11 appointing Jim Ireland as director of Honolulu Emergency Services. I stand by all my previous testimony. I hope council members have reviewed the testimony and have questions for the nominee or myself. There are situations I was not going to mention, however my integrity was attacked on social media and that crossed the line just as the recent HNN story questioning CM Okimoto as Public Safety committee chair. No council members integrity should be questioned without evidence, there was no incident where CM Okimoto's actions are in question it is a hypothetical story. A clear indication a supporter of Jim Ireland sent information to HNN.

Here are the recent incidences at HESD;

1) Similar to the recent HPD story on a security breach of confidential reports EMS has dozens of employees gain access to report of a recently deceased employee's report accessed without authorization. It is unknow if it was printed and distributed. This is a clear violation of patient privacy, HIPPA violation. HIPPA violations are serious that can be monetary up to $1.5 million per violation and jail time and investigation of the provider and possible loss of Social Security reimbursements.

2) Recent social media posting of EMS responding to calls, food and drinks in emergency vehicles (can be an OSH violation) and photo of a CAD screen at Honolulu's JTMC with information clearly readable of names of crews, dates, times, locations, type of cases. This is a clear violation of CJES! This can put first responders in danger especially law enforcement. JCES violations are a felony. I sent a case to HESD and questioned if HESD has updated everyone for JCES training conducted only by HPD and records are kept by the ASO. I only had a response they received my complaint, and no other follow up.

These are just two of serious violations. Thera re many other concerns as I mentioned in previous testimony such as NO SOP, No Strategic Plans 3ys, 5 yrs, 10yr etc. No clear vision on the direction/vision or planning for EMS

NO first responder mental health and wellness program per the Resolution passed by CM Okimoto's committee last year

Thank you for your time

Eddie Fujioka

Retired EMS District Chief/EMS Communications, staffing and scheduling

HESD JTMC Migration Project Lead

Former Obama US Secret Service EMS POC-Motorcade details

HESD Employee of the Year 2014