

Representative Randall,

I wanted to reach out in support of HB57, I know you probably have a long list of supporters for this bill. I would like to add to that list as an EMS professional, both in my leadership capacity as a Captain at South Tongass Fire department in Ketchikan and as a flight paramedic for Guardian Flight this bill is imperative.

Protections for the Quality Management process ensure the process does in fact promote quality improvements and fosters practical discussions in the EMS environment where we often make decisions in isolation or close to it. The hospital environment more often provides a collection of human resources and often allows collaboration and improvement through each situation. Many EMS providers particularly in rural environments are working alone or in a small team situation with others who have similar, if not the same background and training, not to mention the fact that most EMS agencies work with and through a medical director who is seldom if ever on the call. This makes the quality management process a valuable resource and training tool that will only function to its fullest if implemented properly.

This bill is important to unlocking the potential of this process and protecting the people who serve their communities both paid and volunteer.

Thank you for your support of this legislation.

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**Fire/EMS Captain**  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide invited testimony for HB 57 last Friday.

I would like to provide a written response to Rep. Prax's question on malpractice insurance for EMS medical directors. You will find an attached PDF which I request to be added to the bill's documents section for the L&C Committee. By adding this response to the documents section, it will pre-answer the same question for future additional committees where this bill may be heard.

Pi, please ensure this response becomes part of the legislation documents.

Please let me know if you need anything else, and please let me know if there is additional testimony needed, and when this bill will be heard again in the L&C committee. I will dial-in and just standby for any additional questions.

Best regards,

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