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**HAWAII STATE EPIDEMIOLOGIST SARAH Y. PARK, M.D.
APPOINTED TO NATIONAL BIODEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD**

HONOLULU – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced that Sarah Y. Park, M.D., Hawai'i Department of Health state epidemiologist and chief, Disease Outbreak Control Division, has been named to the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB).

The NBSB is a federal advisory committee which provides expert advice and guidance to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) on preventing, preparing for, and responding to adverse health effects of public health emergencies.

“This appointment is a tremendous honor,” said Health Director Loretta J. Fuddy. “We commend Dr. Park and express appreciation for her ongoing work. She is superbly qualified and we are excited about this new opportunity for her to contribute to the nation’s public health preparedness and response efforts.”

Dr. Park will be one of 13 voting members to serve on the board with a broad range of expertise in science, medicine, and public health. More information on the NBSB and board members can be found at <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/news/Pages/nbsb-120118.aspx>.

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