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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KLEBERT JONES, MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Governor's Message 709.

Dr. Klebert Jones had a psychiatry practice in Hawaii for thirty years. He has extensive experience in every aspect of adult, child and adolescent mental health. Dr. Jones retired eighteen months ago, and when he read the Honolulu Star Advertiser's account regarding the State's difficulty finding physicians to serve on the board, he was inspired to volunteer in the hope of helping the board to function.

We believe his experience and expertise will greatly benefit the goal of the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) and contribute to helping driver license applicants with an apparent disability receive a timely fair evaluation and response to their requests for driving privileges.

Section 286-4.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides for the establishment of a MAB within the State department of transportation. The purpose of the MAB is to review the medical records of persons who an examiner of drivers has reason to believe have a mental or physical condition that might impair their driving ability.

The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Dr. Jones to the MAB.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.