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GM 640 RELATING TO MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

Governor's Message 640 submits for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board, Gubernatorial nominee, Alan Stein, MD, for a second term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Section 286-4.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides for the establishment of a medical advisory board (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 MAB then provides advice to the examiner of drivers, who makes the final licensing decision. The goal is to bring about an equitable decision that considers both the safety of the driver and the safety of other roadway users.

The department supports this confirmation.

Dr. Stein has been in practice for over 20 years and currently serves as the Medical Director of Epilepsy and Neurophysiology at the Queen's Medical Center. He is board certified in neurology, epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology. Dr. Stein is also an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. His qualifications, experience and knowledge in neurology, epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology ophthalmology has been invaluable in the evaluation of drivers with these types of medical conditions during his first term.

The Department of Transportation greatly appreciates having a doctor with his qualifications willing to provide his time and expertise to serve and respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Dr. Stein to the Medical Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.