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G.M. 710

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALAN STEIN, MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) strongly supports Governor's Message 710.

Dr. Alan Stein is currently the Director of Epilepsy and Neurophysiology at the Queens Medical Center in Honolulu. He has been a practicing neurologist specializing in epilepsy in Hawaii since 1998. He is also the chair of the Professional Advisory Board of the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii where he used to be the president. He was also the president and treasurer of the Hawaii Neurological Society where he also served as the director of continuing education programs for many years. Dr. Stein is well versed in the literature regarding driving restrictions and driving risks related to neurological diseases.

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. Stein to the MAB.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.