

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 506,
507, 508

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations,
to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 506, 507, and
508, submitting for study and consideration the nominations
of:

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

G.M. No. 506	EUGENE A.H. MAGNIER, M.D., for a term to expire 6-30-2010;
G.M. No. 507	LEO MAHER, M.D., MHA, FAAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2006; and
G.M. No. 508	LEO MAHER M.D., MHA, FAAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2010,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received testimony in support of EUGENE A.H.
MAGNIER, M.D., from the Department of Transportation.

The nominee represents the cardiovascular disease
appointment. He received a B.A. in physics from Temple University
and an M.D. degree from Temple University School of Medicine. He
did a Cardiology Fellowship at Hahnemann Medical College. He is a
Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a
Diplomate Subspecialty A.B.I.M. Cardiovascular Diseases. Dr.
Magnier is licensed to practice medicine in Hawaii, and is in
private practice. He is affiliated with numerous professional
organizations and hospitals.



Your Committee received testimony in support of LEO MAHER, M.D., MHA, FAAN, from the Department of Transportation and one individual.

The nominee represents the neurologist appointment. He is being nominated for a term to expire on June 30, 2006, and a nomination to expire on June 30, 2010. He received a B.S. degree in biology from Wayne State University and an M.D. degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. The nominee completed a residency in neurology and a Fellowship in Electrodiagnostic Medicine & Neuromuscular Diseases at the Department of Neurology, Wayne State University School of Medicine and affiliated medical hospitals. He is a member of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, as well as numerous professional medical associations.

Your Committee notes from the nominee's personal statement that he has practiced general neurology in Hawaii since 1969, and his subspecialty interests include multiple sclerosis, dementia, stroke, and deep brain stimulation. He is currently the co-chairman for the Noridian Carrier Advisory Committee (Medicare). Dr. Maher further states that a position on the Medical Advisory Board would allow him the opportunity to work on a broad range of issues associated with neurological diseases. These issues are complex and profound, and he can lend insight into these issues, particularly as to the explosive pace of progress in diagnosis and treatment of neurological diseases.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Government Operations,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



