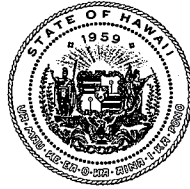


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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 542

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Department of Transportation whole-heartedly supports Mr. Richard R. Houck's nomination to the Commission on Transportation. Mr. Houck's distinguished maritime career in the United States Coast Guard (32 years of service) included leadership positions in operations, strategic planning, engineering, financial management, and Congressional and governmental relations. His wealth of experience in operations and harbor security will serve the Commission and the Department well.

The Department of Transportation is honored by Mr. Houck's willingness to serve on the Commission and it should be noted that his father-in-law, Mr. Robert T. Leary, served on the Commission in the 1970s. Accordingly, the Department respectfully requests the Senate to confirm Governor Lingle's nomination of Mr. Richard R. Houck, to the Commission on Transportation, for the term July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.