

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2605**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 01 2018**

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 538,  
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Energy, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 538 and 539, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

G.M. No. 538 ANTHONY KATRAS, MD,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021; and

G.M. No. 539 JUDY KOVELL, MD,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Anthony Katras, MD, and Judy Kovell, MD, to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Medical Advisory Board.

ANTHONY KATRAS, MD

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Anthony Katras, MD, from the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Katras has been a vascular surgeon for nine years and has been a professor for over twenty-five years. He currently serves as a clinical associate professor at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine and a clinical professor at East Tennessee State University and Uniformed Services University.

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Dr. Katras also serves as the program director for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences student surgery clerkship and a staff vascular surgeon for Straub Clinic and Hospital and Tripler Army Medical Center. Your Committee notes that Dr. Katras served on the East Tennessee State University College of Medicine Admissions Committee for twelve years and has been a University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine Admission Committee interviewer for four years. As such, Dr. Katras has experience evaluating records and making decisions with other committee members. Your Committee finds that Dr. Katras's knowledge and experience qualify him for appointment to the Medical Advisory Board.

JUDY KOVELL, MD


Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Judy Kovell, MD, from the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Kovell has worked in psychiatry and behavioral health since 2009, including working in a behavioral health clinic for three years and working as a psychiatrist for three years. She currently serves as the program director, general psychiatry residency, at Tripler Army Medical Center, a position she has held since 2016; from 2013 to 2016, Dr. Kovell was the associate program director. Your Committee notes that Dr. Kovell has been a supervisor throughout her professional career, as chief of medical operations, chief of inpatient psychiatry, and as program director, and therefore has significant leadership experience. Your Committee finds that Dr. Kovell's extensive experience and expertise with treating patients with psychiatric and neurological conditions qualify her for appointment to the Medical Advisory Board.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Energy that are 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  
Energy,


  
LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair





The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Transportation and Energy**  
**TRE**  
**Advise and Consent**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent<br>2340                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent<br>2345 |                           |                     |                |
| <b>Members</b>  | <b>Aye</b>  | <b>Aye (WR)</b>           | <b>Nay</b>          | <b>Excused</b> |
| INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)   | ✓   |                           |                     |                |
| ESPERO, Will (VC)   | ✓   |                           |                     |                |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani  |   |                           |                     | ✓              |
| HARIMOTO, Breene  | ✓   |                           |                     |                |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.   |   |                           |                     | ✓              |
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