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**GM 639**  
**RELATING TO MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD**

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

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Governor's Message 639 submits for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board, Gubernatorial nominee, John Corboy, 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. Corboy is an icon in ophthalmology and a leader in the medical field in Hawaii. As a pioneer in ophthalmology he provided leading edge outpatient vision surgeries to Hawaii patients that was unheard of at the time. He educated medical students as an Associate Professor at the John A. Burns School of Medicine and during that time wrote a Retinoscopy textbook that is still part of the curriculum. Shortly after his retirement, he founded several eye clinics in Asia and continues to be active in its successful operation. His experience and knowledge in ophthalmology has greatly benefited the MAB when reviewing and evaluating cases that involve vision types of medical conditions.

The Department of Transportation is fortunate to have such a distinguished doctor willing to provide his expertise and respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Dr. Corboy to the Medical Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.