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**G.M. 635**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, OSCAR DELLINGER III, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Governor's Message 635, which nominates Oscar Dellinger III, MD, to the Medical Advisory Board, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

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 may 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. Board members serve without compensation.

Dr. Oscar David Dellinger III is board certified in internal medicine, geriatric medicine, hospice and palliative medicine, and addiction medicine. He has been in practice for over 25 years. He has worked as a medical director at various clinics and hospitals in the United States and currently serves as a Medical Director at St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii. His qualifications, experience and expertise in geriatrics and addiction medicine has been invaluable in the evaluation of the high percentage of cases relating to aging drivers and substance abuse reviewed by the MAB during his first term.

The DOT is very fortunate to have Dr. Dellinger volunteer for a second term and respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Dr. Dellinger to the Medical Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.