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G.M. 610

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

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Governor's Message 610, which nominates Judith Dickert, MD, FACE, FACP, 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. Judith Dickert is board certified in endocrinology and internal medicine. She has been in practice for over 20 years with most of those years serving at Tripler Army Medical Center. In addition to her patient care experience, she oversees all healthcare delivery and medical services for the Hawaii Military Health Systems and Hawaii Military Health Services. With her medical specialty as an endocrinologist, Dr. Dickert provides the board with the desired expertise in reviewing cases involving diabetes and other hormone related medical conditions. There is a high percentage of cases that the board regularly reviews that deal with a driver's diabetic condition.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
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By

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GM 610 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JUDITH DICKERT,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support for Judith Dickert, MD, to the Hawai'i Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Dickert served as the Chief Medical Officer, Hawai'i Military Health System at Triple Army Medical Center before retiring from active duty in 2019.

Dr. Dickert was initially a Naval Officer for many years, and then switched into the Army so that she could stay in Hawai'i. She is an endocrinologist by training and with an extensive military and management background will be a valuable asset to the Hawai'i Medical Advisory Board.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Judith Dickert.