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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ANOTHONY KATRAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2025**

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the nomination of Dr. Anthony Katras, MD, to the Medical Advisory Board for a second term.

Section 286-4.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides for the establishment of a medical advisory board (MAB) within the State DOT. 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 and then advises the examiner of drivers based on this evaluation. (The examiner of drivers makes the final licensing decisions.) The goal is to bring about an equitable decision that considers both the safety of the driver and the safety of other roadway users.

Dr. Katras is a Vascular Surgeon at Straub Clinic and Hospital and Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. He also serves as a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii – John A. Burns School of Medicine, as well as Clinical Professor at the East Tennessee State University and Uniformed Services University. Dr. Katras' experience and knowledge in general and vascular surgical procedures will continue to be of great benefit to the MAB, especially when reviewing and evaluating cases that involve these types of medical conditions.

The DOT respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Dr. Katras to the Medical Advisory Board whose members serve without compensation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.