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**G.M. 779**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZIE NEMMERS, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.**

Senate Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** G.M. 779, Suzie Nemmers, MD, to the Medical Advisory Board, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

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. 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.

Dr. Nemmers is a physician and surgeon in the department of ophthalmology at Tripler Army Medical Center. She is a member of the American Medical Association, Hawaii Ophthalmology Society, American Academy of Ophthalmology and American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. Her experience and knowledge in eye and vision care will 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. Nemmers to the Medical Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.