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In consideration of

Governor's Message 654

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Medical Advisory Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JUDY KOVELL, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT) **strongly supports** the nomination of Dr. Judy Kovell, M.D., to the Medical Advisory Board (MAB).

Dr. Kovell brings extensive knowledge and experience in psychiatric medicine. She is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and recently retired as the Program Director of the General Psychiatry Residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu. She currently serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine.

As a psychiatrist, Dr. Kovell has dedicated her career to the treatment and evaluation of individuals with psychiatric and neurological conditions. Her professional insight into how such conditions, and their associated treatments, may affect an individual's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle will be a valuable asset to the MAB.

In addition to her impressive credentials, Dr. Kovell previously served on the Medical Advisory Board and brings institutional knowledge and familiarity with the board's mission and responsibilities.

We believe Dr. Kovell's reappointment will continue to strengthen the board's ability to make well-informed decisions regarding public safety and driver fitness.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.