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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 309.**

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 309, regarding the **reappointment** of Russell Y.J. Chung to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Chung's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Chung is being reappointed to the Board as a public member. He has served on the Board since November 14, 2005.

Mr. Chung is a reliable member who attends the Board's meetings regularly. Through discussions and the relevant questions he poses, Mr. Chung has demonstrated that he is prepared for the meetings and the issues that the Board faces.

He clearly understands the duties and responsibilities of a Board member, particularly his role in representing the public's perspective. Not one to shy away from tough issues, Mr. Chung does not hesitate to speak pointedly about the issues, which has resulted in well-reasoned discussions amongst the members.

Mr. Chung's interest in serving on the Board and his desire to contribute to the community will undoubtedly continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Chung to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**Presentation before the Senate Committee on  
Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing**

February 29, 2008

Russell Y. J. Chung, FASLA  
(GM 309)

**Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board**

Chair Russell S. Kokubun, members of the Senate committee, thank you for this opportunity to be able to introduce myself and give you a brief synopsis of who I am in your consideration of my confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

I was born and raised in Wahiawa where I graduated from Leilehua High School. Upon graduation, I attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where I received my Bachelor of Architecture degree. To help further my career and options, I went on to graduate school and earned my Master of Landscape Architecture from the California State Polytechnic University at Pomona.

I have been working in the landscape architecture business now for 27 years; 22 years as a licensed landscape architect. I hold licenses in Hawaii and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. I am currently the Executive Vice President at PBR Hawaii, a local landscape architectural firm specializing in land planning, landscape design and environmental studies throughout the islands.

The landscape profession has allowed me to participate in many professionally related activities – both for the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) and the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) where I have served as the Hawaii chapter Vice President, President and Trustee to the Society for two 3-year terms. In 2003, I was elected to Fellow by the ASLA, a distinguished designation and honor for professional excellence and outstanding accomplishments in the field of landscape architecture.

In 1993, I was appointed to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects by Governor Waihee where I served two terms as Member and twice as its Chair. Upon fulfillment of my term limitations, I wanted to continue contributing my time toward public service in some capacity. In 2006, I was appointed to the Motor Vehicle Board by Governor Lingle. My term as a public member was to fulfill a vacancy on the board and thus, expires on June 20, 2008.

I am fortunate to be able to work in a profession that allows me to be creative and contribute to the quality of people's lives. Although the Motor Vehicle board has little relevance to my profession, serving on the board grants me another avenue to contribute as a professional and citizen. I believe it as a win-win situation. I can grow from the knowledge, experience and gain of new relationships all while giving back to the community.

I thank you for your time and respectfully ask you to support my nomination to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

Thank you very much.