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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 310.

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. 310, regarding the **reappointment** of Thomas I. Nakama to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Nakama's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Nakama is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed as a motor vehicle salesperson and has been employed by a licensed motor vehicle dealership since April 6, 2005. The licenses are current and in good standing.

For over twenty-five years, Mr. Nakama has established his knowledge about the motor vehicle industry through his employment with several licensed motor vehicle dealerships. In his current employment, Mr. Nakama is involved in the daily business operation of the dealership.

Mr. Nakama is a reliable member who has an excellent attendance record at the Board's meetings. His active participation during meeting discussions demonstrates that he is prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas. Further, due to his experience in the industry, Mr. Nakama shares valuable insights during the meeting discussions which the Board may not have otherwise had the benefit of receiving.

We believe that Mr. Nakama's interest in serving on the Board, his experience in the industry, and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

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