

GM 276



GOV. MSG. NO. 276

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 12, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING Board**:

Dennis John Short

Term to Expire: 6/30/2013

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE



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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2010

Friday, March 5, 2010
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 276.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Christine Rutkowski and I am the Executive Officer for the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 276, regarding the **appointment** of Dennis John Short to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Short's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Short is being nominated to the Board as an industry member. He has served on the Board as an interim appointee since July 1, 2009. Mr. Short is licensed as a motor vehicle salesperson and is employed by a licensed motor vehicle dealer. The licenses are current and in good standing.

For over forty years, Mr. Short has established his knowledge about the motor vehicle industry through his employment with a licensed motor vehicle dealer. In his current employment, Mr. Short manages the business operation of the dealership.

Mr. Short is a reliable member who has attended all of the Board's meetings (four out of four) since he was appointed. His active participation during meeting discussions demonstrates that he is prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas.

Mr. Short shares well reasoned viewpoints during the discussions, drawing upon his knowledge of the motor vehicle industry and as one who has acquainted himself with the broader issues that challenge the industry today. In doing so, he contributes information and ideas that stimulate healthy discussion among the members.

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

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



Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association

Stan Masamitsu, President
Dave Rolf, Executive Director

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 276 Relating to the Governor's Message nominating Dennis Short

to serve as an industry member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board
Presented to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

At the public hearing 9 a.m. Friday March 5, 2010
in Conference Room 229

Chair Baker and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association is pleased to offer strong support for the nomination of Dennis Short to serve as an industry member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (MVILB).

Mr. Short is imminently qualified to serve on the MVILB having been actively involved in the retail auto industry in Hawaii since the 1970's.

Under Mr. Short's direction and leadership, BMW of Honolulu was named one of the first BMW centers in the U.S. to achieve the Quality Management System certification and was awarded the prestigious BMW Quality Trophy. The Hawaii company has also been awarded the prestigious national BMW Center of Excellence Award.

Also, under his direction and leadership BMW of Honolulu has been one of the sponsors for the annual American Heart Association's Hawaii Heart Ball and has sponsored an annual charity golf tournament to support work of the American Heart Association's Hawaii activities.

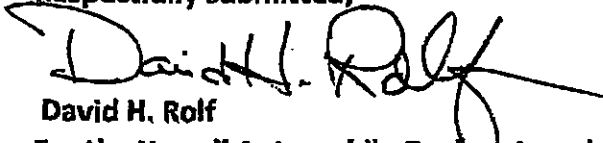
In 2008 Mr. Short was named as the Hawaii State Dealer of the Year and was HADA's nominee for the Time Quality Dealer of the Year Award, becoming 1 of only 62 dealers in America who were nominated out of a field of 20,000 auto dealers.

Mr. Short is the current president-elect of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association—Hawaii's new car dealers.

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It is a privilege to support the nomination to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board this outstanding community leader and award-winning automotive professional.

Respectfully submitted,



David H. Rolf

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I, Gary Wassel, former member and chairman of the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board, am pleased to recommend Dennis Short to become a member. I have known Dennis since 1980. He and I were members of the management team at the Shelly Automotive Group for over 15 years.

I have always found Dennis to be fair in dealings with all concerned. Dennis is a charismatic person who inspires respect and therefore is an effective administrator. He excels in effective and positive communication with individuals and small groups. Dennis works well with others and will promote harmony among the board members.

Gary Wassel

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, March 5, 2010
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

GM276 – Testimony for Dennis John Short:

Chair Baker and members of the committee:

I, Kendall Char, General Sales Manager of Oceanic Time Warner Cable (OTWC) am pleased to offer my strong support of Mr. Dennis Short's nomination to serve as an industry member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board in the State of Hawaii.

Over the past 25 years, Dennis has been a client of OTWC and I have had the privilege to work directly with him for the last 7 years. Dennis is well respected by his peers and very active in the local automotive community (member of HADA, Hawaii Auto Dealers Association-current President) as well as nationally with BMW North America.

Under Mr. Short's direction and leadership, BMW of Honolulu has received numerous awards from BMW North America: 1. One of the first BMW Quality Trophy Awards for quality management systems certification and 2. One of the national Center of Excellence Awards plus many others.

But moreso, Dennis and his family have become very close friends of mine and quite a good golfer to boot. And you know what they say about golfers, you can tell a lot about the person on the course. With Dennis it's all about honesty, integrity and trust. I would have him on my team any day.

Thank you Chair Baker and members of the committee.

Kendall Char

February 26, 2010

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Commerce & Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
415 Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Dennis J. Short – Nominee
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Dear Senator Baker,

I have had the privilege of knowing Dennis Short for the past thirty years.

In the automobile industry, he advanced through the management ranks of the Shelly organization until being promoted in 1998 to his present position of President of BMW of Honolulu.

Having been his banker for many years, I know Dennis to be a man of unquestionable character. In negotiations he displays a sense of fairness and is an insightful decision maker. Under his watch, his dealership has consistently been ranked among the leaders in his peer group in providing excellent customer service.

Given his industry expertise and ability to reason soundly, I consider Dennis to be a strong and welcomed candidate for the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

Sincerely,



Werner Umbhau
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Statement Addressing Questions

I am applying to be a member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board because after having worked in the industry in Hawaii since 1980, I felt it was time and my civic duty to give back to the industry that has been my livelihood for the last 30 years.

As a member of this Board, my perception is that we provide oversight and guidance with issues that are brought up within the industry. Issues to be addressed can originate from the general public or from within the industry. Resolutions need to be objective and practical, yet clearly in compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Hawaii.

I bring 30 years of work experience to this Board. Over the years, I've worked in many different areas of a dealership, so I bring a broad knowledge base of dealership operations to the Board.