

GM 597

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, STEVEN J.T. CHOW, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

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Tuesday, April 5, 2011
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 597.

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 Repair Industry Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 597, regarding the **reappointment** of Steven J. T. Chow to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Chow's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Chow has served on the Board since September 2006 as a public member. He is being reappointed as a public member.

Mr. Chow is a reliable member and has attended 17 of 21 meetings. From the start of his tenure, Mr. Chow quickly and comfortably assumed his duties and

responsibilities as a member representing the public's perspective. Always prepared for matters that are on the meeting agendas, Mr. Chow addresses the issues even handedly while balancing consumer protection needs with that of enhancing commerce. Mr. Chow's fellow Board members have come to rely upon his leadership and ability to provide the type of critical assessment needed to evaluate the issues the Board faces. It is without a doubt that Mr. Chow soundly represents the interest of the consuming public.

The Department believes that Mr. Chow's interest in continuing to serve on the Board and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Steven J. T. Chow to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

March 28, 2011

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Chairperson, Commerce and Consumer
Protection
Hawaii State Capital

Re: Re-Appointment As Public Member To The
State Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

Dear Senator Baker:

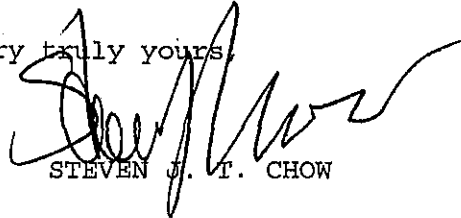
Please accept this letter as my expression of interest for re-appointment as the public member to the State Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board ("MVB"). My personal history and resume is being submitted simultaneously for consideration.

For the last four years, I have been the public member of the MVB. I have found my experience with the MVB as one of the most rewarding public service experiences and I would like to continue to volunteer my time and experience to the MVB.

I have been a practicing attorney for over twenty years in the area of civil and commercial litigation which requires an understanding of various statutes and administrative laws. Over the past four years I have become very familiar with Hawaii's Motor Vehicle Repair laws (Chapter 437B, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Chapter 16-87, Hawaii Administrative Rules) covering dealers and mechanics. I believe my background and training would be a valuable resource to the MVB members in dealing with public health, safety and welfare issues as it pertains to licensing of dealers and mechanics.

I would be more than happy to provide you with any additional information if needed and to meet with you in person to discuss my interest. Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,



BY STEVEN J. T. CHOW

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