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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 599, regarding the appointment of Alan M. Nakamura to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Nakamura's appointment and respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

The Department has been in contact with Mr. Nakamura regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on our discussion with Mr. Nakamura, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background, and experiences to serve on the

Board, and to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Mr. Nakamura has more than 35 years of experience in the retail gasoline and automotive repair industries as a certified technician and the Owner-Manager of Kaimuki Shell, now known as Kaimuki Auto Repair. Kaimuki Auto Repair was nominated and chosen as one of Honolulu Star-Advertiser's "Hawaii's Most Popular People's Choice Awards – Best of the Best 2010 Recipient for Auto Repair" award – the only small business to win that recognition. Mr. Nakamura boasts a wide-ranging and illustrious group of customers who have loyally stayed with him through many years through his honesty and exceptional service.

Mr. Nakamura attended Kaimuki High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He is a member of the Kaimuki Business Professional Association, and the past PTA President of Aina Haina Elementary School. Mr. Nakamura is actively involved with the American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO) as a board member, administrator, and coach in addition to serving as a volunteer soccer coach for the Special Olympics.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Nakamura will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Nakamura's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.