

# GM518

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARIE WEITE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

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2/19/2013	S	The committee(s) on CPN added the measure to the public hearing scheduled on 02-27-13 10:00AM in conference room 229.



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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 518.**

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. 518, regarding the appointment of Marie Weite to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Weite's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Weite is being nominated to the Board as a public member. She was appointed as an interim member on December 24, 2012 and attended her first Board meeting on January 17, 2013.

Ms. Weite is currently employed in the insurance industry as a technical specialist handling auto litigated claims.

During her first meeting, Ms. Weite actively participated in the Board's discussions. Her points of discussion and questions showed that she was prepared for the issues that were on the agenda. We are looking forward to her future contributions in the coming years.

The Department believes that Ms. Weite's interest in serving on the Board and her desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

The Department supports the confirmation of Marie Weite to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

The Honorable Rosallyn H. Baker  
Chairperson, Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection (CPN)  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony Re Nomination of **Marie Weite** To The Motor Vehicle Repair  
Industry Board; Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Marie Weite to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board ("Board").

Initially, I would like to disclose that I am presently a member and current Chair of the Board. However, I write this letter of support not as the Chair or as a member the Board, but as a member of the public who is very familiar with the background, commitment and ability of Ms. Weite to be a valuable and contributing member of the Board.

I have known Ms. Weite for over 30 years. First when she was working for Island Insurance Company as an adjuster trainee where she acquired the skills of a multi-line adjuster and then as a senior claims specialist for First Insurance Company where she is presently employed. I believe Ms. Weite's experience will be an asset to the Board based on the fact that while adjusting claims, she had numerous dealings with the automobile repair industry and the applicable laws.

I have worked with Ms. Weite on numerous matters and I find her approach to problem and issue solving to be sensible and practical, and I am sure she will bring the same approach with her to the Board. I have also worked and served with Ms. Weite on the Board for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii for over 12 years and witnessed her dedication and tireless efforts to promote the mission and purpose of the organization. I am sure, as a public member of the Board, she will give the same effort and dedication to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public. Finally, I know that Ms. Weite was a past member of the Governor's Highway Safety Council and Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition in which she was an active member of both groups.

In conclusion, I would appreciate your favorable consideration of her nomination. I would be more than happy to provide you with any additional information if needed. You can contact me at (808) 523-2999 or via email at [schow@paclawgroup.com](mailto:schow@paclawgroup.com). Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Steven J.T. Chow

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

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Testimony of  
Charles M. Hirata  
Safe Community of Maui  
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My name is Charles Hirata and I am a retired Maui Police Department Captain. I was actively involved in highway safety for many years and have known Ms. Marie Weite for fourteen years. During that time, I have known her to be a dedicated volunteer in many causes, to include the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, the State Highway Safety Council, and Prevent Child Abuse.

Ms. Weite also brings substantial experience as a claims specialist. I am certain that you will find her to be a capable and knowledgeable member of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in this matter and that you will find Ms. Weite to be a perfect fit for this board.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Hirata

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Industry Board; Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Dear senator Baker and Committee Members:

This letter is being written in support of the nomination of Marie Weite to the Motor Vehicle  
Repair  
Industry Board.

Please be advised that I am currently serving as the Co-Chairman of the Motor Vehicle Repair  
Industry Board, however, I am writing this letter of support as a member of the public who has  
known Ms. Wiete for over 30 years.

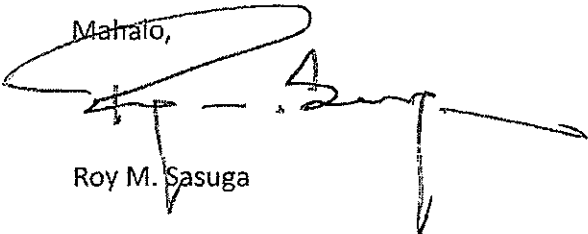
I am proud to say that I have worked with Ms. Weite at Island Insurance Company for almost 20  
years. I have had the privilege of training Ms. Weite in the field of claims handling. In the years  
working with her, she has exemplified the skills of being a multi-line adjuster in both property  
and casualty insurance.  
Her skills includes handling complex litigation claims as well as working with the automobile  
repair industry and the applicable laws.

She has not limited her talents to the insurance industry, but have served on numerous boards  
which includes the Board for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

I have no doubt that she will make an excellent addition to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry  
Board with her knowledge and experience and humbly ask for your favorable consideration of  
her nomination. Should you have any questions or if I can provide you with any additional  
information, please feel free to contact me at (808) 988-7579 or email me at  
[rsasuga@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:rsasuga@hawaii.rr.com).

Mahalo,

Roy M. Sasuga



## STATEMENT OF MARIE WEITE

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board?  
I believe we all have a responsibility in the governance of our state and nation and this is my small way of fulfilling this obligation.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board?  
I will be required to attend meetings, review material, listen to testimony and make decisions regarding licensing of motor vehicle mechanics. This board is also responsible for contracting with U.H. to develop and administer the certification program.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.  
I spent two terms on the Governor's Highway Safety Council. I have also worked as an insurance claims adjuster investigating and settle automobile bodily injury claims. In that job, I am responsible for reviewing medical and legal data and making decisions toward settling or denying the claim.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
Along with the normal administrative duties, I hope to help bring the certification program up and running.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?  
I am organized, practical and bring a business perspective to the process. These qualities have served me well on other boards including Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, my condo board and many business related boards.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?  
In addition to the boards mentioned in (5), I am active at St Francis School, serving on the Alumni Board and chair of the tuition assistance fundraising event.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?  
No.

Marie Weite