

GM519

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

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 519.

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. 519, regarding the appointment of Michael Tetsutani to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Tetsutani's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Tetsutani is being nominated as an industry member. He has served on the Board as an interim appointee since July 2, 2012.

Mr. Tetsutani is currently employed at one of Honolulu's franchise dealers as its Service and Parts Director.

Since being appointed, Mr. Tetsutani has attended all three of the Board's meetings and has been an enthusiastic participant. Utilizing strong listening and verbal communication skills, combined with well over thirty (30) years of industry experience, Mr. Tetsutani has already made significant contributions to the Board. He easily grasps the concepts, no matter how controversial or complicated, and has aided in keeping the Board focused on the issues at hand.

The Department believes that Mr. Tetsutani's interest in serving on the Board, his active experience in the industry, and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

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

February 1, 2013

Office of Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Subject: Nomination to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

Dear Senator Baker and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:


Thank you for considering my nomination to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. This is my first experience applying for this type of position so please bear with me if this format is not exactly correct.

To answer the email I received from Alike Ke-Paloma on January 31, 2013, my responses are as follows:

1. I want to be a member of the MVRl Board because I want to serve and give back to the industry that I have been involved with for most of my work career.
2. I perceive my role while serving on this board as being to insure that the laws and regulations relating to the motor vehicle industry are upheld on matters that come before us. My responsibilities are to honestly weigh, consider, and rule and/or vote on all board matters and to try to promote integrity and professionalism within the industry.
3. I believe I am qualified to serve in this capacity because of my 30+ years in the business. I started with a car rustproofing company in 1978 running the office as well as prepping and cleaning cars during the rustproofing process. I then started working for the company/owner that I am still currently with in 1981. I've worked as a lot attendant, car salesman, customer relations representative, Parts Manager, Service Advisor, and am currently the Service and Parts Director. I feel my wide range of experiences and job titles give me a broader perspective on different aspects of the automotive business.
4. I hope to promote the automotive repair industry and to foster a more positive public perception.
5. I hope my honesty, strong work ethic, and wide range of experience will be beneficial to the Board.
6. There is always a possibility of a conflict of interest arising as I serve because of the length of time I've been around this industry and the number of people I know and have worked with over the years. I will have to use my best judgment and recuse myself whenever the conflict will make it inappropriate to make an unbiased decision.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mike Tetsutani