

# GM610

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

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

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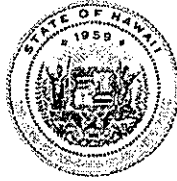
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Wednesday, February 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 610.**

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. 610, regarding the **reappointment** of Donald Touchi to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Touchi's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Touchi is being nominated to the Board as a public member. He has served on the Board since August 2007, during which time he has attended all thirty-five of the Board's meetings. Mr. Touchi's attendance at Board meetings as well as his contributions over the years are commendable. His methodical approach to the Board's

issues encourages thoughtful discussions among his fellow members. Further, even when faced with controversy, Mr. Touchi remains focused on the issues, objectively evaluating the competing positions and steadfastly considering the consuming public's interest as the matters are brought for decision-making.

The Department believes that Mr. Touchi has clearly demonstrated his interest in serving on the Board and finds that his desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

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

## STATEMENT OF DONALD TOUCHI

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board?

I am already a member and am being held over for the remainder of the time that I'm allowed to serve.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board?

Primarily will be to make sure that the industry members wishing to be licensed or to continue to be licensed act in a manner that the consumer and their rights are protected.

(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.

My background is that of an entrepreneur and investor. I've owned an insurance agency and have been licenced since 1968. I've also served on the State Plan Policy Council and chaired the City Salary Commission in years past.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Methods of doing business have been changing and will continue to change from a brick and mortar operation to one that is more high tech. This presents challenges to regulators as well as businesses. Overly regulated businesses will drive consumer costs up.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

I am a problem solver, use zero-based thinking when presented with problems and recognize that over regulation punishes the consumer in the end.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?

Owned and operated an insurance agency, am an experienced investor, and have served on various City/State Boards and Commissions.

(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.