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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARIE WEITE, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

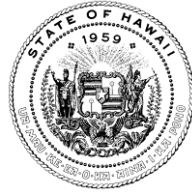
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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 800.

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

My name is Carol Kramer and I am the Executive Officer for the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 800, regarding the **reappointment** of Marie Weite to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Marie Weite's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Weite was appointed as a public member to the Board on December 24, 2012. Since being appointed, she has attended 13 out of the 13 scheduled bimonthly meetings and is a diligent contributing member. Her background in the insurance industry as a technical specialist handling litigation auto claims has been key to the discussions of the Board. Ms. Weite has served on various boards including Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition.

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

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
I enjoy public service, having served on many non-profit boards as well as 2 terms on the Governor's Highway Safety Council. If confirmed, this will be my second term on the Motor Vehicle Repair Board.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
Oversee the licensing of mechanics and shops and ensure that the law is being followed in accordance with 437B-4.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
As a public member and a consumer I bring a lay person's perspective, one that should be represented on the board.
- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.
I have sat on many boards, both State Boards and non-profits, am currently an officer at First Insurance Company and enjoy doing volunteer work. These varied activities have given me experience working with different personalities, making quick and thoughtful decisions all while being respectful of others opinions.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
Continue to review and approve licensing of new mechanics and review issues brought before the board by the executive director.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
I am organized, practical and believe that the best decision is made by consensus.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
President/Board Member – AOA Regency Tower
President/Board Member – Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii
Board Member – Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition
President/Board Member – Hawaii Claims Association
Board Member (current) – Mediation Center of the Pacific
Chair of Law & Regulation & Property (current) – Hawaii Insurer's Council
- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
No conflict. Disclosure of the conflict.