

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board?
Volunteering has always been a big part of my life. I have sat on many non-profit boards and also Motor Vehicle Repair board and Governor's Highway Safety Board.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board?
Attend meetings, follow existing laws and regulations governing this industry.
- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing 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.
My aforementioned experience sitting on boards, my 40 years of working in the insurance industry which included 7 years in management.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
I do not know what challenges this board currently faces, it will take me a few meetings to get the lay of the land and then I will be able to answer this questions.
- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.
Organized
Practical
Works well with others
- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board member.
See # 1
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
No

Testimony of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 624, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARIE WEITE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Marie Weite to the Board as a public member.

Ms. Weite currently manages the claims department of First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd., and has over 30 years' experience in handling auto, property, and litigation claims. In addition to her employment, Ms. Weite has served on various boards and commissions, including the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition and Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. She also served on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board from December 24, 2012, to March 21, 2019, including serving as the Board's chairperson.

Ms. Weite's background in insurance and auto claims, extensive experience on other boards, and desire to serve the public continue to make her an exemplary candidate to serve on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

March 4, 2021

The Honorable Rosalyn 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 Industry Licensing Board; Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

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

Initially, I would like to disclose that I am presently a member and current Vice-Chair of the Board. However, I write this letter of support not as the Vice-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.

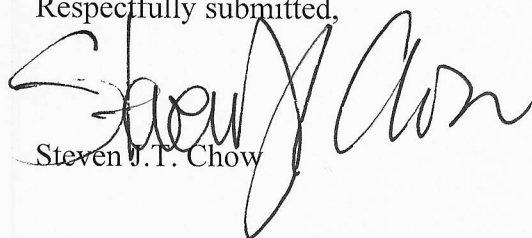
I have known Ms. Weite for over 30 years. First, when she was working for Island Insurance Company as an adjuster trainee where she acquired the skills of a multi-line adjuster, and then as a senior claims specialist and then Vice-President of Claims. She is now retired. I believe Ms. Weite's experience will be an asset to the Board based on the fact that while adjusting claims she had numerous dealings with the automobile 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*, *Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition*, and the *State Motor Vehicle Repair Board* in which she was an active member in all of these groups.

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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. Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Chow

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March 3, 2021

Senator Rosalyn Baker

Chair, Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Marie Weite

Motor Vehicle Industry Board

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs:

My name is Alison Ueoka, and I submit this letter as a private citizen in support of Marie Weite to the Motor Vehicle Industry Board.

Marie is a 40-year veteran of the insurance industry in claims and is recently retired. She has served on various Boards throughout her career.

I have had the pleasure of working with Marie for several years as she was a Board Officer and Chaired two key Committees for the organization for which I work. I found Marie to be reliable, knowledgeable in her field, practical in her decisions, and even-tempered. I believe she will be an asset to this Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this candidate.