

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3830

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2018

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 677,  
678, 711

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 677, 678, and 711, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD

G.M. No. 677	KELVIN KOHATSU, for a term to expire 06-30-2018;
G.M. No. 678	KELVIN KOHATSU, for a term to expire 06-30-2022; and
G.M. No. 711	MICHAEL TETSUTANI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Kelvin Kohatsu and Michael Tetsutani for service on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board.

KELVIN KOHATSU

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment and reappointment of Kelvin Kohatsu from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; and Maui Electric Co., Ltd.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Kohatsu's background, experience, and dedication to public

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service qualify him to be nominated for appointment and reappointment to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board as a public member. Your Committee notes that Mr. Kohatsu has worked with heavy machinery for nearly forty-five years; is currently the Director of Fleet Services for Hawaiian Electric, Maui Electric, and Hawai'i Electric Light Companies (the Companies); and has been the Fleet Administrator for Hawai'i Electric Light Company since 2002. During his career with the Companies, he has adapted to the changing needs of the transportation industry by adopting biofuel, hybrid, and electric vehicles to the Companies' fleets, an experience that will be beneficial to the Board. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Kohatsu understands the role and responsibilities of board members by virtue of his current service as a board member of the Oahu Fleet Safety Organization and Hawaii Transportation Association and prior service as the transportation chair of the County of Hawai'i Energy Advisory Commission. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Kohatsu be appointed and reappointed to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board based on his knowledge, experience, and commitment to serving his community.

MICHAEL TETSUTANI

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Michael Tetsutani from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Tetsutani's knowledge, experience, and proven leadership on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board qualify him to be nominated for reappointment to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board as an industry member. Your Committee notes that Mr. Tetsutani has extensive experience in the automotive industry and has been with his present company, a franchise dealership in Honolulu, since 1981. Mr. Tetsutani has worked in a variety of key positions at his company, where he is currently the Service and Parts Director and previously held positions as lot attendant, car salesman, customer relations representative, Parts Manager, and Service Advisor. Your Committee further finds that Mr. Tetsutani has been a member of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board since 2012, where he is a diligent contributing member, and his extensive professional experience and knowledge of the automobile industry continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Tetsutani



be reappointed to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board based on his background, knowledge, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair





The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>678</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH</b>	Date: <b>4/11/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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