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## Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Thursday, April 10, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229, and Via Videoconference

On the following measure:  
**G.M. 750, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NATHAN KONISHI,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Nathan Konishi, as a member for the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board (Board).

Mr. Konishi began his career in 1981 as a part-time gas attendant, where he gained valuable hands-on experience in vehicle services and tire repairs. He further developed his expertise through coursework in automotive engine and brake system repair at Kauai Community College. This foundation, combined with over 30 years as a licensed General Contractor, provides him with a deep understanding of regulatory compliance, safety standards, and project management, all of which are directly applicable to the motor vehicle repair industry.

Mr. Konishi's leadership roles, including serving as President of the Kauai Contractors Association in 2023 and 2025, demonstrate his commitment to industry standards and his ability to navigate complex business challenges. His extensive community involvement, including his leadership with the Boy Scouts of America and the West Kauai Jaycees, underscores his dedication to public service and his strong values.

Mr. Konishi's extensive experience diverse background makes him highly qualified candidate for the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. He would bring valuable insight and expertise to the board, benefiting both the industry and the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Matt Takata



April 8, 2025

State of Hawaii  
Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board Selection Committee

Aloha Honorable Selection Committee members.

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Nathan Konishi for a position on the State of Hawaii, Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. I have known Nathan for over a 30 years, beginning when he first became a licensed general contractor. Since then, I have had the pleasure of observing his growth and dedication in the industry, culminating in the formation of his company, Pacific Blue Construction LLC.

Nathan is exceptionally methodical in his approach to his work and exhibits a profound respect for the numerous rules and regulations that govern his industry. He possesses a thorough understanding of these guidelines and consistently adheres to them, never attempting to bend the rules for personal or corporate gain. This level of integrity and commitment to ethical practices is truly commendable.

Beyond his professional achievements, Nathan has demonstrated a strong dedication to serving the Kauai community. He is actively involved in various local organizations, including trade associations, Scouting, and the Kauai High School Air Rifle Team. Remarkably, even without his sons' involvement, Nathan continues to contribute a significant amount of time and energy to these causes, reflecting his genuine commitment to community service.

In his personal time, Nathan is an avid hunter, a pastime he enjoys sharing with friends and his sons. This hobby further showcases his ability to balance professional responsibilities with personal interests, maintaining strong relationships and community ties.

Given his extensive experience, unwavering ethical standards, and dedication to community service, I am confident that Nathan Konishi would be an outstanding addition to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. His appointment would greatly benefit the Board and the applicant seeking to work in this industry.

Thank you for considering Nathan Konishi for this important role.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Matt H Takata