

GM589

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARL D. JOHNSEN, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Description:

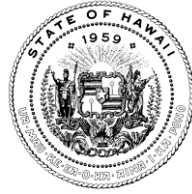
Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s):

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
4/1/2015	S	Received.
4/1/2015	S	Referred to CPN.
4/2/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-17-15 8:30AM in conference room 229.



DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
SHAN S. TSUTSUI
LT. GOVERNOR

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
335 MERCHANT STREET, ROOM 310
P.O. Box 541
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809
Phone Number: 586-2850
Fax Number: 586-2856
cca.hawaii.gov

CATHERINE P. AWAKUNI COLÓN
DIRECTOR
JO ANN M. UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 589.

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. 589, regarding the **reappointment** of Carl D. Johnsen to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Johnsen's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Johnsen has served on the Board since July 1, 2011, as a public member and is being nominated to serve a second term.

Since he was appointed, Mr. Johnsen attended 17 out of the 19 meetings that the Board convened. During the meetings, Mr. Johnsen demonstrates a keen understanding of his role in representing the consumers' interests and the issues that

the Board faces. His points of discussion reflect his appreciation of the need to balance consumer protection with that of enhancing commerce. Indeed, Mr. Johnsen understands the duties and responsibilities of a Board member, particularly his role in representing the public's perspective.

The Department believes that Mr. Johnsen's interest in continuing to serve on the Board, and his desire to contribute to the community will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

The Department supports the confirmation of Carl D. Johnsen to the Motor Vehicle Industry Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Carl Johnsen

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I have been serving on this Board and I would like to continue serving the State and the Industry.

2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

To review applications for Motor Vehicle Dealerships and salespeople and to address legal issues that come before the Board.

3. In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I am a consumer and I know how consumers think. I have been a leader in the Hawaii Shopping Center Industry (State Director ICSC 1993-1994) for over 30years.

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.

As a Realtor, I am a member of a regulated industry group with a code of ethics. As a shopping center professional, I have served as an Expert Witness in legal matters concerning shopping centers; as a business leader, I have run a company with approximately 100 employees; I have served on Community Boards; and I am on the Church Council at Central Union Church.

5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I have no agenda. I only wish to help guide the decisions brought before the Board by the Industry, the Legislature and the Public from time to time.

6. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I am a critical thinker; I am honest; and I am a disinterested party. Years of experience in business management make me uniquely qualified to serve.

7. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

As President of Hawaii Management Corp. I managed several Condominium Association Boards, and I currently serve on the Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association Board.

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?

I have encountered no conflicts in the 4 years that I have been serving on the Board and I foresee no future conflicts. The Code of Ethics would be a source of guidance if any arose.