

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 992

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2021

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 624,  
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 624 and 625, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

G.M. No. 624      MARIE WEITE,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2023; and

G.M. No. 625      STEVEN CHOW,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2024,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Marie Weite and Steven Chow for service on the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board.

MARIE WEITE

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Marie Weite from the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Weite's experience, background, and commitment to public service qualify her for appointment to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board as a public member. Your Committee notes that Ms. Weite currently manages the claims department of First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. and has over forty years of



experience in the insurance industry, handling auto, property, and litigation claims. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Weite is a highly active member in her profession and community and has served on various boards and commissions, including as Chairperson of the Hawaii Insurance Guaranty Association and Vice Chairperson of the Hawaii Insurers Council. Ms. Weite also previously served on the Governor's Highway Safety Council and the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board from 2012 to 2019, including serving as the Board's Chairperson. Your Committee finds that Ms. Weite has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of board members and her extensive experience and knowledge will be assets to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Ms. Weite be appointed to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board based on her background and dedication to public service.

STEVEN CHOW

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Steven Chow from the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Chow's experience, knowledge, and proven leadership on the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board qualify him for reappointment to the Board as a public member. Your Committee notes that Mr. Chow has been a licensed attorney in Hawaii since 1981 and engages in the general practice of law, including civil and commercial litigation, personal injury, insurance and construction law, and alternative dispute resolution. Mr. Chow is the founder and owner of The Pacific Law Group and is an active member in a number of professional associations. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Chow has served on various professional and community boards, including as former President for both Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and Friends of Hickam, Inc., and as a member of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Mr. Chow has served on the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board since 2016, currently serves as the Board's Vice Chairperson, and your Committee finds his experience and knowledge will continue to be assets to the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Chow be reappointed to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board based on his experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection 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 and  
Consumer Protection,

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
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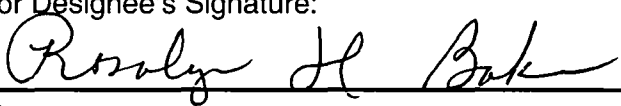
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil				✓
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
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