

## **GM511: Toby Kakehi**

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board?

**To be able to give back to the industry that helped me build my career.**

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board?

**To review, approve and deny Motor Vehicle Repair shop licenses for the State of Hawaii and provide oversight, input and feedback on the complaints and appeals offered by those that oversee their operations as it relates to their license.**

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Motor Vehicle Repair Industry 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.

**I've worked in the consumer and commercial Motor Vehicle industry since 2002 in multiple roles including Managing Motor Vehicle Repair shops. I'm also a current board member of the Oahu Fleet Services Organization for the C&C of Honolulu and a member of the Hawaii Transportation Association.**

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

**I hope to be able to contribute my time and experience to provide input on the decisions made by this Board.**

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. Honest, Rooted & Unwavering.

**I understand the challenges and struggles associated with opening and running a Motor Vehicle Repair shop in Hawaii but I also believe in rules and procedure. I believe my qualities will allow me to be understanding and fair in regards to the responsibilities of this role.**

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board member.

**I helped open and manage a licensed automotive dealer service department in 30 days and helped lead them to a profit in 60 days.**

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

**No I do not anticipate any conflicts as I'm not directly involved with any Motor Vehicle Repair shops at this time. If something was to arise I would reclude myself from that particular application or case.**



**Testimony of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, February 18, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 511, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TOBY KAKEHI,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sherman Takao, and I am the Executive Officer of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Kakehi's appointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Kakehi has been serving on the Board as an interim appointee since November 18, 2021, and has been able to rely upon Mr. Kakehi to attend its meetings on a regular basis. During his short tenure, Mr. Kakehi has already made significant contributions to Board meeting discussions, displaying his preparation for issues on the Board's agendas. Further, Mr. Kakehi initiates discussions which evidence his clear understanding of a Board member's duties and responsibilities.

The Board believes that Mr. Kakehi's interest in serving on the Board and his desire to give back to the community will undoubtedly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



February 14, 2022

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker,

The purpose of this letter is to provide a strong recommendation for Toby Kakehi to serve as a member to the State of Hawaii, Motor Vehicle Industry Repair Board.

As the Fleet Supervisor of Hawaiian Electric Company, I personally have worked with Mr. Kakehi on several occasions and found his professionalism and wisdom has never guided me otherwise to believe that his skills for this industry is unchallenged. When speaking up to provide information, he carefully considers detail and found that his knowledge and experience is trustworthy.

Mr. Kakehi serves as a board member of the Oahu Fleet Services Organization for the C&C of Honolulu and is also a member of the Hawaii Transportation Association. He has the right experience, knowledge, expertise, attitude, motivation, dedication, and honesty to excel in the position.

Thank you, Senator for your consideration of my nomination of Mr. Toby Kakehi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Maeda', written in a cursive style.

Wayne Maeda  
Hawaiian Electric Co, Inc.  
Fleet Department

Senator Rosalyn Baker,

Please accept this, "Letter of Recommendation" for Toby Kakehi's nomination to the State of Hawaii, Commerce & Consume Affairs, Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board.

Toby Kakehi have been in the automotive & truck equipment industry for many years, most recently with Altec Industries. A very knowledgeable and experienced individual in the industry, with high moral standards. He'll be an asset to the board as a public member.

Regards,

**Kelvin Kohatsu**

Director Fleet Services

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