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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 5, 2024
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Via Videoconference

On the following measure:
G.M. 743, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KENNETH OBENSKI,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028

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 Mr. Kenneth Obenski to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (Board).

Mr. Obenski's extensive qualifications and experience demonstrate his abilities and commitment to his profession. With a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and a wealth of professional experience spanning decades, Mr. Obenski has consistently demonstrated his proficiency in analyzing and determining the causes of accidents across various domains, including traffic, industrial and consumer contexts.

His contributions to the field of engineering are not only evident through his impressive list of lectures, courses taught, and publications, but also through his practical involvement in engineering analysis and research. Mr. Obenski has also been an active participant in professional associations in his roles as a lecturer and author. His dedication to sharing his expertise underscores his commitment to advancing the field of forensic engineering and ensuring the highest standards of safety and accountability.

In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Obenski's civic involvement and entrepreneurial endeavors further enhance his abilities and commitment to serving his community.

I support Mr. Obenski's confirmation and believe his exceptional qualifications, extensive experience, and dedication will make him an asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments:

To whom it may concern,

The County of Hawaii wholeheartedly recommends Ken Obenski as a member of any board or commission he is interested in being a member. Mr. Obenski has served on other commissions at the county level and has always worked diligently for these groups. The County of Hawaii wishes there were more people like him as quality members are sometimes difficult to find. Please feel free to call me at (808) 323-4442 if you need any more information.

Mahalo

Bobby Command

Deputy Managing Director

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