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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. 744, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION**  
**TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD,**  
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CARLETON WILLIAMS,**  
**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. Carleton Williams to the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (Board).

Mr. Williams brings over four decades of experience in accounting and finance to the table. His career began at Deloitte & Touche and includes founding CW Associates in 1989, CW Associates, A Hawaii Certified Public Accounting Corporation in 2008, and Manoa CPA LLC in 2022. Throughout his professional career, he has demonstrated exceptional results and played a pivotal role in the growth and success of a number of organizations.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Williams has been actively involved in various boards, committees, and associations, showcasing his dedication to community service. His leadership positions in esteemed organizations like the Salvation Army, DTRIC Insurance Company, and the Washington Place Foundation reflect his commitment to making a positive impact on his community.

Moreover, Mr. Williams' commitment to education and mentorship is exemplary. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in business administration with a focus on finance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His involvement as a co-instructor in graduate programs at Chaminade University and the University of Hawaii underscores his dedication to nurturing the next generation of professionals.

I am confident that Mr. Williams' extensive experience, leadership skills, and commitment to excellence make him an excellent candidate for the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board. I support his confirmation and believe he will bring valuable perspectives to the Boards' mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**HAWAII SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

Testimony Before the Senate Committee on  
Commerce and Consumer Protection

GM 744

In Support of the Confirmation of Carleton Williams, CPA  
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Friday, April 5, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kathy Castillo, Executive Director of the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants (HSCPA). I am requesting your support of the confirmation of Carleton Williams to the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board (Board).

Mr. Williams has over 45 years of experience in public accounting serving major businesses in Hawaii, and serving the public for two terms on the Board of Public Accountancy. As a member of the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board, he will provide the leadership and dedication to carry out the Board's duties as the regulator of this industry.

Mr. Williams is a member of the HSCPA since 1978. He has held numerous leadership positions in the HSCPA including President in 2006-2007, and also served (two terms) as a member of the governing Council of the American Institute of CPAs. As evidenced through his service on the Board of Public Accountancy, Mr. Williams will continue to bring integrity and professional standards to the Board while focusing on protecting the interest of the public.

Please confirm Mr. Williams' nomination to the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Castillo  
Executive Director

**GM-744**

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Testimony for CPN on 4/5/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

Carl Williams is a pillar of the accounting and business community in Hawaii. I have known him for over 20 years as wise competitor and fellow board member. His years of experience, knowledge, character, and expertise makes him a superior candidate as a board member of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing board.

He is a gentleman and an excellent problem solver. I whole heartedly recommend support his candidacy to the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board.

Respectfully,

Wendell K. Lee, CPA