

Testimony of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Monday, March 30, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 & Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 590, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NOLAN MIYAHARA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Hector West, and I am the Executive Officer of the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Miyahara's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Miyahara has served on the Board since 2025 and has attended all scheduled meetings since his appointment. He brings extensive experience in the automotive industry. From 1997 to 2001, he worked as an intermediate technician with Cutter Chrysler Jeep Waipahu, followed by a role as a journeyman technician with JN Chevrolet from 2001 to 2004. He then served as lead technician for Servco Auto Leeward Waipahu from 2004 to 2016. Currently, Mr. Miyahara is the program coordinator for the Automotive Technology program at Leeward Community College.

Mr. Miyahara holds an Associate of Science degree in Automotive Technology from Leeward Community College and a Certificate of Achievement in Advanced Automotive Technology from Honolulu Community College. His combination of technical expertise, industry experience, and educational leadership makes him a valuable member of the Board.

For these reasons, the Board strongly supports his reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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RE: Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Nolan M. Miyahara

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

I am honored to wholeheartedly recommend Mr. Nolan M. Miyahara for a position on the State of Hawaii Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. I have known Nolan since he entered my classroom as a student in August of 1994, in my 40 plus teaching career, he is one of the best individuals I had the honor of working with. As the 1997 Chrysler Corporation National Top Technician, I would, with the greatest confidence, rate his ability as an automotive technician worthy of national recognition. In the decades since that initial meeting, we have maintained contact through our work at two of Hawaii's largest automotive dealership groups. Over the past decade we have served as colleagues in the Automotive Technology Program at Leeward Community College. From the very beginning of our association and to this very day, I have admired his honesty, integrity, and humble nature. Largely due to his dedication and leadership, we have elevated the Leeward Community College Automotive Technology Program into one of the most stable and respected automotive technician training programs in the State. I am confident that he would be an invaluable asset to this board.

Nolan's qualifications for this position are evidenced by depth of his work experience.

Starting with working at a Service Station/Repair Shop and continuing by working at three of Hawaii's largest automotive dealership groups. His competence as an automotive repair technician is demonstrated by his ability to achieve Master Technician level certification with the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. In addition, he has also achieved the Master Technician level certification with two major vehicle manufacturers and was promoted to the Lead Technician position at his last place of employment in the local automotive repair industry. These experiences, among others, give him a deep understanding of subjects that the board may address.

In addition to his professional abilities, Nolan has a strong record of community commitment. I have personally observed his work in both college related volunteer activities and his passion for promoting cultural harmony through his performance with his Nonprofit group - Ryugen Taiko. Through these activities he has shown a profound dedication to the well-being of the people of Hawaii, demonstrating a collaborative spirit and the ability to work effectively with diverse groups of people.

I have no doubt Mr. Nolan M. Miyahara has the knowledge, integrity, and commitment necessary to serve with distinction on the State of Hawaii Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board. He is a conscientious and thoughtful individual who will diligently contribute to the mission of moving the State forward.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely

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