



July 15, 2016

**To:** The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair  
The Honorable Patricia Bates, Vice Chair  
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

**From:** Michael A. Gunning, Personal Insurance Federation  
Armand Feliciano, Association of California Insurance Companies

**RE:** AB 1174 (Bonilla) Automotive Repair Act: Violations: Regulations: Reports  
**As Amended June 20, 2016**

**Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing-August 1, 2016**

**Position – Support**

The Personal Insurance Federation of California and the Association of California Insurance Companies, whose members collectively write a vast majority of auto and home insurance in California supports **AB 1174, Automotive Repair Act: Violations: Regulations: Reports, by Assemblymember Susan Bonilla.**

AB 1174 would make changes to the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) in an effort protect the automotive repair consumer and increase the transparency of automotive repair dealers. The bill would require the BAR adopt regulations regarding the policies and procedures for handling complaints, investigations and all methods of resolution, including education, training, conferences, and mediation and post to their website these policies and procedures.

AB 1174 would also require that the BAR track and retain data on every resolution attempted and completed by the bureau, including every mediation, education, training and conference attempted and completed by the bureau.

PIFC and ACIC have a long-standing record of supporting measures that enhance transparency and improves consumer protections. AB 1174 is such a measure. It is for these reasons PIFC and ACIC supports AB 1174 by Assemblymember Susan Bonilla and urges your “aye” vote. If you have any questions regarding the Trades’ position, please contact: Michael A. Gunning, Vice President, PIFC at (916) 442-6646 or Armand Feliciano, Vice President, ACIC/PCI at (916) 440-1115.

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