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9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 300.**

TO THE HONORABLE RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 300, regarding the **reappointment** of Neal K. Arita to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Arita's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Arita is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since August 5, 1993, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He holds a specialty contractor license in the plumbing, refrigeration, sheet metal, and ventilating and air conditioning classifications.

Mr. Arita is a conscientious member, who takes the time to review all correspondence, meeting minutes, and other relevant material so that he can make

informed decisions on all Board matters. He is accessible and approachable, and open to different points of view. Furthermore, his experience with the various plumbing and mechanical trades brings additional perspective to the Board's discussions and deliberations.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Arita to the Contractors License Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 10, 2008

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing  
Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE  
Executive Director

Subject: GM 300 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, NEAL K. ARITA, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Chair Kokubun and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii. SAH represents the following nine separate and distinct subcontracting associations:

HAWAII FLOORING ASSOCIATION

ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

HAWAII WALL AND CEILING INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

TILE CONTRACTORS PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

SHEETMETAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

PAINTING AND DECORATING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

PACIFIC INSULATION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

PACIFIC ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

We support the nomination of Neal K. Arita to the Board and believe he should receive your favorable confirmation. This would be a second term for Mr. Arita and we would submit that there are a variety of confusing issues that confront the Contractors License Board and it is only in the second term that many of them become very productive members because they finally understand the process that they are dealing with.

We know Mr. Arita to be very conscientious, upstanding, a member of the subcontracting community and we believe he is a definite asset to serving on the Contractors License Board.

Based on the above, we highly recommend his confirmation.

Thank you.