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TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2008

Friday, April 11, 2008  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 511.**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

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

My name is Ronald Boyer, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 511, regarding the appointment of Guy M. Akasaki to the Contractors Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Akasaki's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Mr. Akasaki and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Mr. Akasaki, I believe that he possesses the qualifications,

background, and experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Mr. Akasaki is a licensed contractor, who specializes in commercial roofing and waterproofing. He is the President and CEO of Commercial Roofing & Waterproofing HI, Inc.

Although Mr. Akasaki is an experienced contractor, he is also well-positioned to view the proceedings of the Board through the lens of a consumer. He has demonstrated a strong entrepreneurial spirit by starting a number of businesses. He is well-versed in issues relevant to discussions pertaining to sustainability, energy conservation, and renewable resources. Mr. Akasaki is also interested in recycling construction materials rather than simply sending used materials to the landfill.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Akasaki will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Akasaki's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Akasaki's behalf.

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**Raymond S. Ono**  
Vice Chairman  
Business Banking & Wealth Management Group

April 3, 2008

Honorable State Senator  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capital, Room 407  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: **Guy M. Akasaki GM# 511**

Dear Senator Kokubun:

I highly recommend Mr. Akasaki to be appointed to the Contractors License Board.

I have known Mr. Akasaki for 6 years and he has been a client of our firm for 5 years. Mr. Akasaki has been in the construction industry for 25 years and he started his own company in 1993 which has become one of the most successful roofing and waterproofing companies in Hawaii. Mr. Akasaki is active with the construction industry at various levels and he is also active in the community. In my opinion, Mr. Akasaki is highly competent in his trade, is an astute business person, and most importantly he is a person of high integrity and character.

Mr. Akasaki would bring a tremendous amount of experience and insight if he is selected to the Contractors License Board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 525-5710.

Sincerely,

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RAYMOND S. ONO

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March 25, 2008

Hawaii State Senate  
Attn. Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM# 511, Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Akasaki

Dear Senator Kokubun,

It is my understanding that Mr. Akasaki has been nominated by Governor Linda Lingle for an appointment to the Contractors License Board and I strongly support this nomination on both a professional and personal level.

Over the past ten years, Punahou School has established a solid working relationship with Mr. Akasaki and the companies he has founded and represents. His knowledge and experience pertaining to various roof systems/applications, waterproof membranes, deck coatings, and sealants consistently meet or exceeds the requirements set forth in project specifications and drawings. The quality of work performed by his crews is excellent and they/he are extremely responsive to issues pertaining to pricing, scheduling, installation, and warranties.

Over the past twenty five years I have worked in the Building Industry in various capacities ranging from Project Engineer, Owner's Representative, Construction Manager and Director of Physical Plant, and it is "rare" to find an individual like Mr. Akasaki. The professionalism and high standards displayed consistently by his companies are a reflection of his personal values and his appointment to the Contractors Licensing Board should be confirmed.

Sincerely,

Randy Overton  
Director of Physical Plant

Cc: File



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March 19, 2008

Honorable State Senator  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki GM# 511

Dear Senator Kokubun:

I highly recommend Mr. Guy Akasaki to be appointed as a new member of the State of Hawaii Contractor's Licensing Board.

I have known Mr. Akasaki for over 20 years as a friend and business associate. Mr. Akasaki has been in the construction industry for 25 years and he began his own company in 1993 which has become one of the most successful roofing and waterproofing companies in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Akasaki is an honest, diligent and ethical person; all the qualities important in carrying out the duties as a contractor's board member. We have spent many intense conversations and meetings discussing how we can create business and give back to the citizens of Hawaii. In my opinion, he will be an asset to the board and has the vision it takes to make Hawaii a better place to live for our future generations of young people.

Should you have any further questions pertaining to Mr. Akasaki please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Yamaguchi & Yamaguchi Inc.

Jon F. Yamaguchi CRE, FRICS, SRPA, SRA  
President



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Honorable State Senator  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki GM#511

Dear Senator Kokubun,

Mr. Guy Akasaki would be a very good choice for the Contractors License Board.

I have known Mr. Akasaki for 20 plus years and have valued the relationship. He is a man of his word and has demonstrated high integrity. Mr. Akasaki has been in the construction business for 25 years having advanced to owning several successful companies. Mr. Akasaki is very active in the construction industry and is a benefit to the community. In my opinion Mr. Akasaki would be a excellent selection to the Contractors license board bringing tremendous insight and experience.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me @ 545-5559.

Very Truly Yours,



Jack Miller  
Managing Partner

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March 21, 2008

Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki, GM #511, Contractor's License Board Confirmation

The Honorable Mr. Kokubun,

I have known Guy Akasaki for ten years.

All the years I have known him, he has been honest, fair, and ethical in his business dealings. He always followed through and made sure that it was a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Guy Akasaki has been a very successful businessman with Commercial Roofing & Waterproofing, Inc. and his various other businesses. Guy will be a major asset to the Contractor's License Board because of his long time business experience in Hawaii.

I strongly urge and recommend to the Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing Committee that they confirm Guy M. Akasaki to the Contractor's License Board.

Sincerely yours,

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Harvey C. King  
President, King & Neel, Inc.



**Roofing & Building  
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March 19, 2007

To Whom it may concern

RE: Guy Akasaki .. Contractors License Board GM 511

I am writing this letter on behalf of the nomination of Guy Akasaki for the Contractors License Board.

I have known Guy for over 20 years as a customer and friend. He has started with very little and is one of the largest and best run companies I have seen in Hawaii. He has an excellent reputation as a responsible and quality contractor.

I think the CLB would be well served to have a Roofing Contractor on the Board because of the many issues that arise in this trade. Guy has the hands on experience and knowledge to serve the Board and our state. Besides his trade skills...he has experience with union and nonunion companies and would be an independent voice in the community.

I hope you will approve his nomination and allow him to serve on the CLB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ritchie Mudd', is written over a white background.

**Ritchie Mudd, CEO**  
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March 20, 2008

Honorable State Senator  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki GM# 511

Dear Senator Kokubun:

I would like to highly recommend Mr. Akasaki to be a member of the Contractors License Board.

I have known Mr. Akasaki over 10 years and he has been a client of our firm for nearly five years. Mr. Akasaki has been in the construction industry for 25 years and he started his own company in 1993 which has become one of the most successful roofing and waterproofing companies in Hawaii. Mr. Akasaki is active with the construction industry at various levels and he is also active in the community. In my opinion Mr. Akasaki is highly technically competent in his trade, an astute business person but most importantly he is a person of the highest integrity and morals.

Mr. Akasaki would bring a tremendous amount of experience and insight if he is selected to the Contractors License Board.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 808-356-1102.

Sincerely,

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Ron B. Teves  
President  
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March 19, 2008

Honorable State Senator  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki

Dear Senator Kokubun:

I would like to highly recommend Mr. Akasaki to be a member of the Contractors License Board.

I have known Mr. Akasaki for nearly 10 years and he has been a client of our firm for nearly four years. Mr. Akasaki has been in the construction industry for 25 years and started his own company in 1993 which has become one of the most successful roofing and waterproofing companies in Hawaii. Mr. Akasaki is active with the construction industry at various levels and he is also active in the community. In my opinion Mr. Akasaki is highly technically competent in his trade, an astute business person but most importantly he is a person of the highest integrity and morals.

Mr. Akasaki would bring a tremendous amount of experience and insight if he is selected to the Contractors License Board.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

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Alan M.L. Yee  
Partner

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March 20, 2008

Honorable State Senator  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki

Dear Senator Kokubun:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this recommendation under the Governor Message GM 511.

I would like to highly recommend Mr. Akasaki to be a member of the Contractors License Board.

I have known and worked with Mr. Akasaki for nearly 10 years and he has been a client of our firm for nearly four years. Mr. Akasaki has been in the construction industry for 25 years and he started his own company in 1993 which has become one of the most successful roofing and waterproofing companies in Hawaii.

However, what I found is that Mr. Akasaki is more than a contractor; he embodies the true spirit of being an entrepreneur. He is active with the construction industry at various levels and he is also active in the community. In my opinion Mr. Akasaki is highly technically competent in his trade, an astute business person but most importantly he is a person of the highest integrity and morals.

Mr. Akasaki would bring a tremendous amount of experience and insight if he is selected to the Contractors License Board.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

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Wils Choy  
Partner

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Honorable State Senator  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki GM# 511

Dear Senator Kokubun:

Please kindly accept my recommendation for Mr. Akasaki to be a member of the Contractors License Board.

I have known Guy for approximately 25 years both as a trusted contractor and more recently as a neighbor. During that period Guy has shown an unwavering commitment to ethical practices, becoming a well recognized leader in the commercial roofing industry, having owned his own roofing and waterproofing company since 1993. In my responsibilities for operating over 7.5 million square feet of commercial space in Hawaii and the U.S. mainland I have the opportunity to work with numerous roofing contractors and can vouch that Guy's firm stands among the best.

Mr. Akasaki's commitment to the industry and his service to the community will provide many benefits to the Contractors License Board. I heartily recommend his selection

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (808)525-8420

Sincerely,

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Norbert Buelsing  
Executive Vice President

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WARREN K.K. LUKE  
Chairman and CEO

March 21, 2008

The Honorable Russell S. Kokubun  
Hawaii State Senate  
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Kokubun:

RE: Guy M. Akasaki, GM#511

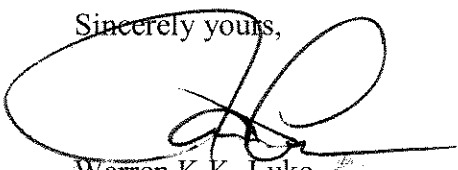
I am writing on behalf of Guy Akasaki, who I understand is being considered for appointment to the Contractors License Board. I have known Guy for more than ten years, both as a customer of Hawaii National Bank and as a personal friend.

Guy has been in the construction industry for 25 years, and he started his own company in 1993. His company is now one of the most successful roofing and waterproofing companies in Hawaii. In addition to his activities in the construction industry, Guy is also an active participant in community affairs. Whether in a business or social environment, I believe Guy has always exhibited the highest standards of integrity and ethics.

I believe Guy would be a good contributing member for the Contractors License Board, and I highly recommend that he be considered for appointment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Warren K.K. Luke  
Chairman and CEO

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March 21, 2008

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Kokubun:

I have known Guy Akasaki for approximately ten years ago as the roofing contractor on a project for which I was involved with. I was very much impressed with his knowledge and management of his projects.

Since that time I have enjoyed a very good business and personal relationship with Guy and his company, Commercial Roofing and Waterproofing, Inc. They have always provided a consistently high quality of workmanship and conduct of all employees at the jobsites has been very professional. Further, their projects are always well organized.

Guy has always been open and honest in all of his dealings with me and the success of his company is a direct reflection of his management and communication capabilities.

I have no reservations in recommending Guy Akasaki for the position on the Contractors License Board. His abilities will be an asset to the board.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

*TJS Engineers, LLC*



Theodore J. Suzuki  
Principal

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April 8, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Re: Guy M. Akasaki, Candidate for the Contractors License Board

Dear Senator Kokubun:

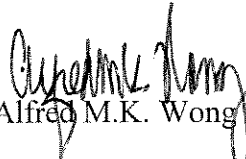
Governor Linda Lingle has nominated Mr. Guy Akasaki to be a member of the Contractors License Board.

I have known Mr. Akasaki on a social basis for over five years. He is a person of integrity and honesty. He owns and operates several businesses including Commercial Roofing & Waterproofing Hi, Inc., Allied Pacific Builders and Honolulu Roofing Company. He has an excellent reputation in the community and he has been active in the community and his industry.

Mr. Akasaki would make an excellent member of the Contractors License Board as he brings experience, integrity and fairness to the Board.

I highly recommend Mr. Akasaki to be a member of the Contractors License Board.

Yours truly,

  
Alfred M.K. Wong



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April 11, 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: G.M. 511 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, GUY M. AKASAKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2012

Chair Kokubun and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Roofing Contractors Association of Hawaii a non-profit organization that represents the roofing industry throughout the state. We are in support of this nomination.

Mr. Akasaki is quite a success story and he deserves confirmation to the Contractors License Board based on his knowledge of the industry, his knowledge of how to run a business properly and the experience that he brings to the table.





Mr. Akasaki currently serves as Vice President of the Roofing Contractors Association of Hawaii and he has served in a variety of capacities throughout the years where he has learned to bring together various points of views, as well as, dealing with different facets of the industry.

Based on the above, we can highly recommend Mr. Akasaki and would strongly suggest this Committee's confirmation.

Thank you.

