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9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 275.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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. 275, regarding the **reappointment** of Maurice F. Torigoe to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Torigoe's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Torigoe is being reappointed to the Board as a plumber licensee member. He has been licensed as a journey worker plumber since April 9, 1986; and as a licensed plumbing contractor since July 22, 1986. Both licenses are current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Torigoe has served on the Board from July 2005 to present, and is a diligent and contributing member who generously gives his time outside of Board meetings to review applications and who is always prepared to discuss items on the Board's agenda. His many years of experience as a licensed plumber and licensed contractor contribute to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions. We believe that Mr. Torigoe's experience in the profession and his desire to serve the public will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs supports the confirmation of Mr. Torigoe's reappointment to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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M. TORIGOE PLUMBING, INC.

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Presentation before the Senate Committee on Commerce Consumer Protection & Housing

March 11, 2009

Maurice F. Torigoe
Board of Electricians and Plumbers

Chairperson Baker, members of the Senate Committee on Commerce Consumer Protection & Housing, thank you for this opportunity to present my background in your consideration of my confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

I was born on the island of Maui and grew up in the Kapahulu/Ka muki area. I attended and graduated from Kaimuki High School and Honolulu Community College, received an Associates Degree. I started work in the plumbing industry in 1969. I started my own plumbing business in March 1985 as a sole proprietor. I incorporated in September 1991. In my 40 years in the plumbing industry, I have served on PUMCAH-UA Local 675 JATC between 1994-1996, and as Chairman of the Training Committee for The Associated Builders and Contractors Association, from 2000-2005.

Being on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers the past (4) four years has given me bigger and better goals to assure the state of Hawaii safer and healthier place to live. I am looking forward to serving on the Board again, and I ask for your support in my nomination to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers Board.

Thank you,

Maurice F. Torigoe

References:

1. Karl Borgstrom, President of ABC Hawaii Chapter, phone # [Redacted]
2. Joe Kindrich, Owner of Hicks Homes, phone # [Redacted]
3. David Nottage, Owner of Construction Associates, Inc., phone # [Redacted]
4. Alan Nakamura, Chief Plumbing Inspector, C&C of Honolulu, phone # [Redacted]



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1. Being on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers the past four years has given me a broader view of how I can serve the people of Hawaii and that the Board is on track, by implementing the process of renewing the journey person license.
2. The role and responsibilities of the Board is of great importance to the safety and welfare of the people of Hawaii.
3. Being in the plumbing industry since 1969, and being an employer since 1985, and four years on the Board I feel I'm qualified for the position.
4. I've been in the field, did the work for the past 40 years (residential, commercial) and I feel that I have contributed to the Board this past four years.