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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 518**

**WRITTEN ONLY**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 518, regarding the appointment of Richard J.Y. Louis to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Louis' 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. Louis 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. Louis, 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.

A Professional Engineer, Mr. Louis has been employed with the Gas Company for the past 22 years. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Tufts University and his MBA degree from the University of Hawaii. Mr. Louis would like to apply his knowledge and experience in the engineering and business fields on the Board

As with many other professionals who have dedicated themselves to their chosen professions, Mr. Louis also believes in giving back to the community. Mr. Louis has volunteered his time to the Kalaniana'ole Athletic Club girls' basketball program. He has also volunteered as a merit badge counselor with the Boy Scouts of America (Troop 33). Mr. Louis would like to expand his community service by serving on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Louis 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. Louis's appointment.

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

**RICHARD J. Y. LOUIS**

**EXPERIENCE**

**The Gas Company – (22 years) Honolulu, HI**

**Project Manager**, Operations/Engineering Departments, 1998 to current

- Manage and direct field personnel during the installation of new gas equipment
- Coordinate our new installation work with all our new Oahu gas customers

**Senior Project Engineer/Account Executive**, Sales Department, 1993 to 1998

- Initiated contact with potential customers to install our gas facilities
- Coordinated our field crews with our new gas customers to install new gas lines

**Manager/Senior Project Engineer**, Engineering Service Department, 1990 to 1993

- Convinced decision makers (i.e. developers) to utilize our gas services
- Provided technical support to decision makers to design for our gas

**Distribution Engineer**, Operations Department, 1987 to 1990

- Directed/supervised our crews to perform gas repairs and new installations

**Construction Management Engineer**, Dept. of Navy, Honolulu, HI, 1986-1987

- Managed/coordinated the contractors to complete the awarded projects

**Field Engineer**, Hawaiian Dredging & Construction Co., Honolulu, HI, 1980-1986

- Directed/organized our personnel during the construction of the project.

**Civil Design Engineer**, Gray Rhee & Associates, Honolulu, HI, 1979-1980

- Designed roadways/drainage systems and directed draftsmen to complete plans

**EDUCATION AND LICENSE**

**Master in Business Administration (Executive MBA)**, University of Hawaii, 1994

**B.S. Civil Engineering**, Tufts University, 1978

**Licensed Professional Engineer**, State of Hawaii, 1983

**Licensed Real Estate Salesman/Broker**, State of Hawaii, 1981

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Kalaniana'ole Athletic Club (KAC) Girls' Basketball (16 years)**, Honolulu, HI

- One of the two active founders of KAC Girls' Basketball

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 33 (Manoa School), Honolulu, HI, 2002-current**  
◦ Merit Badge Counselor and volunteer parent

**Eagle Scout, Honolulu, HI, 1972**

## **REFERENCES**

**Edson Hoo, President, Aloha Steel Corp., [REDACTED]**

**Robert Miyasaki, Manager, Special Projects, The Gas Company, [REDACTED]**

**Jaidev Watumull, Partner, Watumull Bros., [REDACTED]**

**Dr. Gordon Wee, DDS, owner, [REDACTED]**

Chairwoman Rosalyn Baker of the Senate's Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present background information concerning myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board (EMLB).

A position on the EMLB would give me the opportunity to volunteer to serve our community and the entire State of Hawaii by participating in the review and decisions regarding persons in the elevator profession and industry who have an impact on the safety of the daily life of any Hawaii citizen and/or visitor to the state.

As a member of the EMLB, I have the responsibility to review all business matters brought before the EMLB and to render fair decisions or policy to benefit the trade and general public.

My qualifications (please see attached resume) are evident by the decades of practical and diverse construction management and engineering work experience that parallels and is similar to the elevator mechanics' industry. Also my daily interfacing with industry professionals and average lay persons has allowed me to develop strong interpersonal skills.

Since graduating from college 30 years ago, I have been fortunate to have gain healthy experiences from one end of the spectrum to the other: definitive, black and white experiences (i.e. engineering and technical duties) to the less tangible-think outside of the box responsibilities (i.e. sales and interfacing with the general public).

Each day's learning lessons are absorbed by me and allows me to strengthen my ability to process information and knowledge to make timely decisions at my place of work, within my family home life and as a member of the EMLB if selected.