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Regular Session of 2009

Friday, April 17, 2009
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 547

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. 547, regarding the appointment of Harold Martin to the Contractors license Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Martin'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. Martin 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. Martin, 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. Martin is a retired contractor with an active contractor's license. He has been licensed for nearly 35 years. Mr. Martin has dedicated his entire professional life to the construction industry, starting in 1959 with the U.S. Navy, Construction Battalion (C.B. or Seabees) and until his retirement with Martin Steel Constructors and Fubar Contracting. Mr. Martin is a member and Past President of the Contractors Association of Kauai and a member of the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Additionally, Mr. Martin has been active in his community, serving as Past President of the Rotary Club of West Kauai. Mr. Martin would like to continue his service to the community as a member of the Contractors License Board, where he will be able to utilize his extensive experience in the construction industry.

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

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

SHIOI CONSTRUCTION, INC.

General Contractor · LIC # ABC 12379

Committee of Commerce
and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Testimony on GM 547 Harold (Hal) Martin

Dear Chair Rosalyn Baker and Members of the Committee:

My Testimony is in SUPPORT of GM 547, Hal Martin, to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 6-30-2013. My name is Conrad Murashige and I am the President of Shioi Construction, Inc. We are a kama'aina company doing business on the Garden Island since 1969.

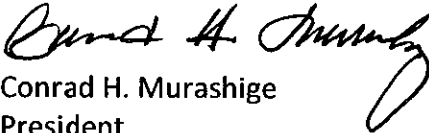
Hal Martin formed and operated Martin Steel Constructors on Kauai for over 30 years. His personal involvement in the Kauai construction industry through many hours with the Contractors Association of Kauai and other non-profit organizations reflect his commitment toward our community and business peers. During Hal's tenure with the Contractors Association of Kauai, he has proven that he understands the complexity of running a construction business and the many regulatory issues that directly and indirectly affect contractors. He is well aware of the problems that un-licensed activities cause on our island having experienced the aftermath of two hurricanes and the influx of off island unscrupulous contractors.

Hal has the experience of a seasoned contractor and business owner. He listens, observes, and then asks questions. Hal Martin would represent Kauai well on the Contractors License Board.

I respectfully ask your consideration to SUPPORT GM 547 Hal Martin. Mahalo!

Very Truly Yours,

SHIOI CONSTRUCTION, INC.


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Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
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Re: GM547 - Harold Martin to Contractors Licensing Board

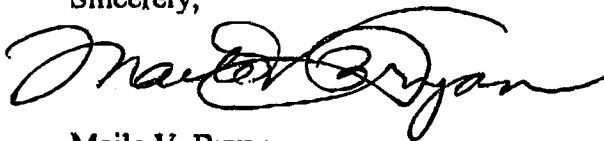
Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker,

This letter is in support of the nomination of Harold Martin to the Contractors Licensing Board. I have known and worked closely with Hal for the past five years. I was elected to the Contractors Association of Kauai'i as a board member the year which Hal was elected President. His leadership abilities and knowledge of the industry is such an asset to the association. I learned so much from him through his wealth of experience being in the industry since 1973. He has worked through the economic ups and downs in Hawai'i. This experience is priceless and would greatly enhance the Board.

Kaua'i as a county would also benefit with Board representation from a truly qualified individual who is in the industry. Licensed contractors on Kaua'i are constantly battling with the unlicensed activity that is overwhelming the island. The Licensed contractors are not able to compete with unlicensed companies who do not "pay there fair share" and provide legal employment with benefits for their employees. During these though economic times it is imperative that the Contractors Licensing Board take an aggressive role in supporting its licensed contractors.

I feel there is no better nominee than Hal Martin for a seat on the Contractors Licensing Board. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,



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President & RME