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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 564

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. 564, regarding the appointment of William A. Kamai to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Kamai'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. Kamai 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. Kamai, I believe that he possesses the qualifications,

LAWRENCE M. REIFURTH

RONALD BOYER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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

A graduate of the Hawaii Carpenters Union Apprenticeship and Training

Program, Mr. Kamai is currently a field representative for the Union. Prior to working for
the Union, Mr. Kamai was employed in the construction industry with companies such
as Hawaiian Dredging, Western Engineering, and ROJAC Construction. Mr. Kamai will
bring his extensive experience to the Board.

Mr. Kamai is also active in the community, having volunteered his time with the American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes, the Maui Mental Health Association, the Maui County Fair, and the Keopuolani Park Playground Project.

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

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

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Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection 335 Merchant Street, Room 310 P.O. Box 541 Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend William Kamai for the Contractors License Board. I have known him for thirty years and worked with him in the heavy building and construction industry.

Bill has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility, and ambition. He is definitely a leader rather than a follower. In addition to his excellent business and community accomplishments, he has proven his leadership time and time again.

He is also a most dependable team player. His good judgment and mature outlook ensure a logical and practical approach to his endeavors.

Bill would be an asset to any board or commission, and I am happy to give him my wholehearted endorsement.

Sincerely,

Perry O. Artates Executive Director

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund

√Cc: William Kamai





April 9, 2009

Honorable Rosalyn Baker Chair Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Consideration and Confirmation of William Kamai to the Contractors License Board for a term ending on June 30, 2013

Dear Chair Baker and Committee Members,

I am Jacqueline Haraguchi, Executive Director of the Maui Contractors Association. Maui Contractors Association is a building trade organization with over 220 members and has been the voice of the Building Industry in Maui County for over 40 years.

Maui Contractors Association offers its strong support of the nomination for William Kamai to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2013. It is my experience in working with Mr. Kamai that he possesses the honesty, objectiveness and knowledge to be a great contributor to the licensing board. His years of experience and understanding of the building industry and serving on boards and commissions within our county government and community are an asset to the Contractors License Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to send in support and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808)871-5733.

Jacqueline Haraguchi



April 15, 2009

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair Senator David Ige, Vice Chair Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

My name is Kyle Chock, Executive Director of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP supports the nomination of William Kamai to the State of Hawaii Contractor's Licensing Board, as we believe his 22 years of experience in the construction industry compliments his community involvement in organizations such as the March of Dimes, American Cancer Society and Maui Mental Health Association. Mr. Kamai has demonstrated his public service interests to his community by his services on the county of Maui Board of Variances and Appeals and the Maui Coastal Land Trust.

Mr. Kamai has the experience, knowledge, and insight of the industry that will make him an invaluable asset to the State of Hawaii Contractor's Licensing Board. His business professionalism brings a high level of credibility and reliability to the Board and ensures that the integrity of the industry is maintained.

Sincerely

Kyl Chock

Executive Director



Apri 10, 2009

Honorable Rosalyn Baker Senate Committee on Commerce And Consumer Protection 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I have known William Kamai for six years. He is very reliable, works with a high degree of integrity, is responsible in the work that he performs and is very capable of keeping things confidential.

I am confident that William Kamai will be a great person to serve on the Contractors Licensing Board; therefore, I am pleased to endorse his nomination.

Sincerely,

Steve M. Bumbar

Senior Vice President & General Manager

Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC

Island of Lana'i

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KEALOHA CONSTRUCTION, INC. 1826 KAOHU STREET WAILUKU, HI 96793

April 10, 2009

Honorable Rosalyn Baker Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

I am, George A. Kealoha, Supervisor of Kealoha Construction, Inc..

I have known William Kamai for ten (10) years and support his nomination to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

KEALOHA CONSTRUCTION, INC.

George A. Kealoha

Supervisor



T.M.C. General Contracting Inc.

April 10, 2009

Honorable Rosalyn Baker Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

I am Thomas Cook, President of T.M.C. General Contracting, Inc. I have known William Kamai for seven (7) years, and I support his nomination to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Bill has great integrity and excellent communication skills. He has the ability to represent the union but remains fair and even handed in working with both union and non-union companies.

I have worked with Bill over the last five (5) years and served on a volunteer board with him for affordable housing as well as with Maui Contractors Association, and found him to always be well prepared and has good leadership skills working with diverse groups that may have conflicting viewpoints.

I believe that William Kamai would be an excellent representative on the Contractor License Board.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss with me further, please do not hesitate to contact me (cell#808-870-2205).

Mahalo,

Thomas M. Cook

President

Mr. Charles G. Jencks 75 Ka Drive Kula, HI 96790

April 8, 2009

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

Subject: Appointment of Mr. William Kamai

Dear Ms. Baker:

It is my understanding that Mr. William Kamai has submitted a request for appointment to the Contractors Licensing Board. I have known Mr. Kamai for over 12 years and have worked with Mr. Kamai during my tenure as the Director of Public Works for the County of Maui as well as a colleague in hearings with the Maui County Council in support of development and construction projects important to our local economy and construction industry.

I highly recommend Mr. Kamai for appointment to the Contractors Licensing Board given his history and knowledge of the construction industry here in Hawaii and because I have found him to be fair in his dealings with the industry, willing to listen to all points of view on issues and always focused on doing what is right for the public. I consider Mr. Kamai a good friend, a professional in every sense and I strongly support his application for and selection to the licensing board.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or recommendation please feel free to contact me in my office at 879-5205.

Sincerely,

Charles Jencks

From: Sandy Baz [sandy@meoinc.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2009 9:23 PM

To: CPN Testimony

Subject: Testimony on GM564 - 4/17 CCP Meeting

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

DATE: Friday, April 17, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229

Measure: GM564

Aloha Senators Baker, Ige and Committee Members,

I am writing to SUPPORT nomination GM 564.

GM 564 nominates William Kamai to the State Contractors License Board. I have known Bill for about 7 years and feel that he will make a great addition to the Contractors License Board. His experience in the construction industry and his commitment to the community is well known here on Maui. He joined MEO's Maui Nui Housing Task Force back in 2003 to help solve the affordable housing problem in Maui county. He dedicates his time to helping others on a regular basis and is well respected in the community.

Mahalo, Sandy

Sandy Baz

Chief Executive Officer



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