



GOV. MSG. NO. 180

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **CONTRACTORS LICENSE Board**:

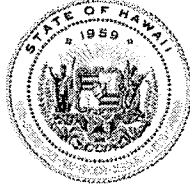
Gerald Yamada

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,



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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 180.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Verna Oda and I am the Executive Officer for the Contractors License Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 180, regarding the **reappointment** of Gerald Yamada to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Yamada's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Yamada is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since November 6, 1987 as a painting contractor, and subsequently obtained licensure in general engineering, general building, and several other specialty classifications. He is the responsible managing employee of GW Construction, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Yamada has been a contributing member since July 2006 and meaningfully participates in the Board's discussions and decisions. As the Chairperson of the Board's Scope

Committee, Mr. Yamada serves an important role in guiding the Board through the process of defining the work that may be performed under the various license classifications. The Department has been very pleased with Mr. Yamada's performance as a member of the Board, and looks forward to continuing to benefit from his expertise during his second term.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Yamada to the Contractors License Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**BIA-HAWAII**  
**BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

February 24, 2010

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 180 Confirmation of Gerald Yamada to Contractors License Board  
for a term to expire 6-30-2014

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-Hawaii offers our **strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Gerald Yamada** to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Gerald Yamada is President of GW Construction and Yamada Paint Contracting on the Big Island. He has served as President of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association in 2002 and 2003. In 2004, Mr. Yamada was honored as the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Person of the Year for the County of Hawaii. He has also served on the County of Hawaii Board of Appeals from 2000-2005.

Gerald Yamada was a member of the Pacific Century Fellows Class of 1999 and has been a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island from 2001 to the present.

The intent in establishing the Contractors License Board was the protection of the public health, safety and welfare with persons engaged in the construction industry. BIA-Hawaii believes Gerald Yamada possesses the business skills, knowledge and experience in the construction industry that attest to his qualifications to serve on the Contractors License Board. Mr. Yamada's active community service also demonstrates his concern for the safety and welfare of his community.

We respectfully request your confirmation of Gerald Yamada to the Contractors License Board. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.

*Karen I. Nakamura*

February 22, 2010

Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

REF: GM 180, Gerald Yamada to State Contractors License Board

My name is Scotty Anderson, Chair of the State Contractors License Board.

I ask that you please reappoint Gerald Yamada who is a valuable asset to our Board and is doing a great job as Chair of the Scope Committee. He is hard working and knowledgeable. We need his expertise.

I appreciate the committee's attention to this matter.

Scotty Anderson  
Chair, State Contractors License Board  
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# **GW Construction**

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February 13, 2010

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing Committee  
415 Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing Committee,

I am greatly honored and humbled by my re-nomination to the Contractor's License Board. Thank you also for this opportunity to present background information about myself.

I reside in Hilo on the Big Island and have lived here since birth. I attended Waiakea High School and the University of Hawaii at Hilo majoring in Business. I am married to a wonderful wife with two children ages 11 and 13.

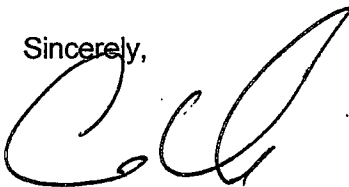
I have been a Hawaii Contractor since 1984 when I started "Yamada Paint Contracting Inc." I then obtained a "B" General Building License in 1987 and also began working as a General Contractor under the name "GW Construction". Thus far I have been a Hawaii Contractor for approximately 25 years.

I would like to continue being a board member because I feel there is a lot of unfinished business. Prior experience can help to alleviate the learning curve and speed up the process.

The industry has changed a lot both for the good and bad throughout the years. The Okada Trucking Decision has led to numerous bid protests and license classification issues. We also have many new contractors arriving from the mainland wanting to do business in Hawaii. By serving on the board I believe I can do a lot of good by making fair and sound decisions. Hawaii's construction industry is changing. With proper guidance we can protect our citizens and insure a vibrant, healthy and strong industry for years to come.

I look forward to the challenges ahead. I ask for your support on my nomination to the Contractor's License Board.

Sincerely,



Gerald Yamada