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TO: The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

DATE: March 18, 2009

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

FR: James L. Weander
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board

Re: GM 220 and 221, Mr. James Lee Weander, HMOAB term to expire 6-30-14

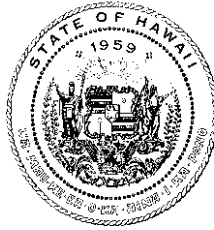
My name is James Lee Weander and I have been nominated to the HOISTING MACHINE OPERATORS ADVISORY BOARD. I ask that you support my nomination to the Board.

I have served as an interim board member since July of 2009. With my 40+ years in the hoisting industry I feel I have in the past and will in the future make significant contributions to the Board's primary mission of providing a safe working environment for the construction industry in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

James Lee Weander

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March 17, 2010

TO: The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

DATE: March 18, 2009

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

FR: Thomas S. Vendetta, Chair
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board

Re: **GM 221 and 222, Mr. James Lee Weander,
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board - term to expire 6-30-14**

The Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB) strongly supports the nomination of Mr. James Lee Weander as a member for the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. Mr. Weander has extensive experience associated with the design and operation of hoisting machines. As the Director of Operations for Hawaiian Crane and Rigging, he was responsible for overseeing all crane operations, including job surveys, equipment maintenance and certification, DOT permits and employee and equipment safety programs. His extensive knowledge and experience will make him a valuable asset to this Board and our mission to ensure that hoisting machine operators are trained, qualified and properly certified to safely operate hoisting machines in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Weander has been working on the Board as an interim member since July 2009, and has provided valuable insight and expertise in our discussions and deliberations. He has shown a dedication and commitment to crane safety that will benefit hoisting machine operators, employers, and the people of the State of Hawaii.

We urge your committee to confirm the appointment of Mr. James Lee Weander to the Hawaii Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.

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March 16, 2009

To: The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor

Date: March 18, 2009

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: **Darwin L.D. Ching, Director**
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

**GM 221 and 222 – JAMES LEE WEANDER
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board**

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. JAMES LEE WEANDER.

Mr. Weander's extensive experience as a crane operator, director of operations for Hawaiian Crane and Rigging, and a consultant qualifies him to serve on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board ("Board").

Mr. Weander has been a crane operator for approximately 24 years, starting in 1969 as a crane operator for Bragg Crane and Rigging in Long Beach, California. In 2002, Mr. Weander served his final year as a Senior Crane Operator for Hill Crane Service in Long Beach, where he operated truck-mounted cranes in excess of 350 tons and assisted in the layout of complex multiple crane lifts.

Between 2004 and 2006, Mr. Weander served as Director of Operations for Hawaiian Crane and Rigging. In that post, he supplemented his seasoned crane operator experience with management experience, overseeing all crane operations for Hawaiian Crane and Rigging.

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Mr. Weander currently serves as President of J W Consultants, and is a certified field auditor and erector.

It is from this wealth of experience that Mr. Weander has been able to share his thoughtful insights and practical knowledge with the Board. He has served as an interim member since July 2009.

His experience empowers him to speak on all facets of crane operation and safety with clarity and authority. He has the knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment to serve as a valuable asset, not only to the Board, but ultimately to the entire State. In summary, Mr. JAMES LEE WEANDER is well-qualified and deserving of confirmation for the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.