

**PRESENTATION OF THE
CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2009

Wednesday, February 4, 2009
2:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 997, RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. HERKES, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Denny Sadowski, Legislative Committee Chair of the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in **opposition** to House Bill No. 997, which would require three Board members to be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the House Speaker, and three members to be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Senate President.

The Board opposes this measure, as there appears to be no justification for changing the way in which our Board members are appointed. Section 26-34, HRS, mandates that board members be nominated and appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. This process has been operating in a satisfactory manner and has served the public well for many years, and there is no clear rationale for changing this procedure. Therefore, we question why our members should be appointed in a different manner than all other professional and vocational licensing boards and commissions.

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Furthermore, while the Board is composed of 13 members, their terms are staggered, and generally only 3 or 4 members' terms expire on any given year. Therefore, the appointment process proposed by this bill is not practical and would be difficult to implement.

For these reasons, the Board is opposed to House Bill No. 997.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.