

GM530

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANACLETO "JOEY" S. ALCANTRA JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

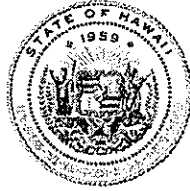
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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 530

WRITTEN ONLY

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

My name is Keali'i Lopez, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 530, regarding the appointment of Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Alcantra's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

The Department has been in contact with Mr. Alcantra regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on our discussion, I believe that he possesses

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

Mr. Alcantra currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer and Responsible Managing Employee (RME) of Group Builders, Inc., a licensed specialty and general contracting company that was established by Mr. Alcantra's father, Anacleto "Lito" Alcantra, Sr. Group Builders, Inc. has been a major drywall, plastering, insulation, and millwork subcontractor in Hawaii for more than 30 years, completing about 1,500 projects valued in excess of \$850 million, and currently is the largest finishing contractor in the State. The company employs as many as 400 employees and was listed as one of the top ten construction companies in Hawaii.

Mr. Alcantra began working for Group Builders, Inc. in November, 2001 after graduating from the Hawaii Laborers' Apprenticeship Training Program with honors. He gained valuable experience and training working from the ground level, developing the skills required of a Construction Craft Laborer, and dealt with all aspects of the company's operations. His employees and colleagues are confident that Mr. Alcantra possesses the necessary skills, knowledge, and integrity to succeed in the face of the constantly changing economic climate that affect Hawaii's construction industry, and will be effective in his dealings with other client contractors, union workers, policies and regulations.

Mr. Alcantra's currently serves as a board member of Oahu Contractors Association, and belongs to numerous professional organizations such as Kalihi Business Association, General Contractors Association, Hawaii Laborers Union Local 368, and Hawaii Wall and Ceiling Industry Association.

DCCA Testimony of Keali'i Lopez

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Despite his busy work schedule, Mr. Alcantra finds the time and commitment to contribute his knowledge and talents to community service. He has served as Vice President, Director, and the Chair of International Affairs for the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii. He was instrumental in promoting Hawaii's businesses in the Philippines over the years by organizing trade missions and business symposiums throughout the country, and established Sister City relations between the City and County of Honolulu and the city of Mandaluyong.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Alcantra 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. Alcantra's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: GM 530 (Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr.)
Date of Hearing: March 30, 2011
Time: 9:00 am
Place: State Capitol, Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am writing in support of GM 530 nominating Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Mr. Alcantra is the Responsible Managing Employee and Chief Operating Officer of Group Builders, Inc. which is a construction company that has done specialty and general contractor business in Hawaii and the Philippines for the past thirty years. Group Builders' projects include numerous condominiums, facilities, homes, hotels and schools. Its clientele is from both the public and private sectors.

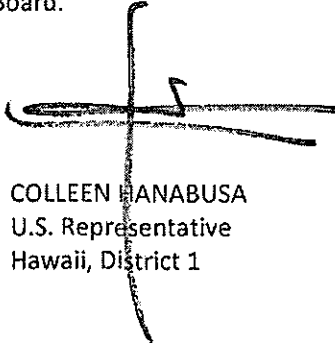
Mr. Alcantra's has a hands-on management style that has allowed Group Builders to remain successful even in tough economic times. He is known to have a hands on approach with weekly meetings with his executive and management teams and regular site visits to Group Builders projects. As a result of this hands-on approach Mr. Alcantra has fostered high standards of quality of work and safety for his workers. His hands-on approach has also resulted in models of efficiency and profitability at Group Builders.

Although he is obviously busy, Mr. Alcantra continues to be generous with his time and resources. He is known in the community for his loyalty and generosity, both of which I can personally attest to. He has spent much time coordinating and fundraising for such cultural organizations as the Sarrat Association and Massingal Association, the Aloha Medical Mission, and the State of Hawaii's 19th Annual Trade Mission to the Philippines.

In addition, Mr. Alcantra has long served as an unofficial cultural ambassador between Hawaii and the Philippines and has served as host to many business, cultural, political and celebrity dignitaries. I have always felt comfortable with calling upon Joey to serve in this role when the opportunity arose.

Joey believes in assisting minority business flourish in the State. In fact, the story of how his father rose from the very humblest of beginnings to the CEO of Group Builders, the largest Filipino-American construction company is what has shaped Joey's views.

For too long, some have criticized the licensing agencies of the State for exclusion. Joey will ensure a fair and level process. The Hawaii Contractors License Board would undoubtedly benefit from having someone such as Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. as a member. For these reasons I support the nomination of Mr. Alcantra to the Contractors License Board.



COLLEEN HANABUSA
U.S. Representative
Hawaii, District 1



LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL 368



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Testimony In Support of
Mr. Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr.

GM 530

To the Senate Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

March 30, 2011
9:00 a.m., Conference room 229
State Capitol

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair; Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair' and Members of the Committee:


My name is Peter A. Ganaban, Business Manager of the Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 in Honolulu, Hawaii. On behalf of the several thousand members of our Union, we strongly support Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. for consideration and confirmation by the Committee, to the Hawaii Contractor's License Board, for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

"Joey" Alcantra graduated from the Hawaii Laborers' Apprenticeship Training Program located in Waipahu. Along with his father Anacleto Alcantra, Sr. and their loyal employees, they built a successful construction business over many years in Hawaii with as many as 400 employees. The company was listed as one of the top 250 corporations in Hawaii and in the top ten construction companies.

"Joey" as his employees and friends call him, is the President and Chief Operating Officer of the company. He has the training and experience to be a knowledgeable and fair-minded commissioner for the Contractor's License Board with technical skills gained from the field, shop and management of his company.

We ask for the consideration of the Committee to vote in favor of recommending to the Senate, the confirmation of the Mr. "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. to the Hawaii Contractor's License Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.


Peter A. Ganaban, Business Manager
Hawaii Laborers' Union



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TESTIMONY ON GM 530

Senate Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

March 30, 2011, 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Room 229

Chairs Baker and Taniguchi and Members of the Committees:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF ANACLETO "JOEY" S/ ALCANTRA, JR.

My name is Nolan G. Moriwaki, Financial Secretary/Business Manager of the Hawaii Masons Unions: Operative Plasterers & Cement Masons International Association Local 630 and the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local #1 of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Masons Unions fully support Mr. Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. for consideration and confirmation by the Committee to the Hawaii Contractor's License Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

The Alcantra family has an outstanding and respected track record of construction in Hawaii. Their work is exemplary of quality and workmanship. "Joey" was brought up in the construction industry and is now the President and Chief Operating Officer of the company. His experience, knowledge and integrity will surely make him an great asset to the Hawaii Contractor's License Board.

On behalf of the Hawaii Masons Unions, I ask for the Committee's favorably vote recommending the confirmation of Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. for the Hawaii Contractor's License Board to the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Respectfully,

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Testimony In Support of
Mr. Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr.

GM 530

To the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

March 30, 2011
9:00 am, Conference Room 229
State Capitol

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair and Members
of the Committee:

On behalf of over 11,000 members of the unionized hotel workers of Hawaii, we strongly support Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. to the Hawaii Contractors License Board, for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

Joey has the motivation, training and experience to serve the board. Joey has finished the Hawaii Laborers' Apprenticeship Training Program, gained the skills and experience of a Construction Craft Laborer. As the Responsible Managing Employee and Chief Operating Officer of Group Builders, Inc. he is kept abreast with the regulations and quality standards of the construction industry, having learned from his father and mentor, Anacleto "Lito" Alcantra, Sr. who is also the President and owner of the company. Group Builders, Inc. is currently the largest finishing contractor in the state, helping to boost the rise of many premier projects, surviving the economic trends for many years. Joey is very knowledgeable in dealing with company operations and other client contractors, union workers, policies and regulations.

We believe that Mr. Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. will be a distinguished and reliable commissioner for the Hawaii Contractors License Board.

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Hernando Tan, President
Hawaii Hotel Workers Union
Unite Here Local 5

Testimony of Glenn Ida

Representing,
The Plumbers and Fitters, Local 675

Before the Senate:
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Wednesday Mar.30, 2011
9 AM, Conference Room 229

GM 530 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANACLETO "JOEY" S. ALCANTRA JR., for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Aloha Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members,

My name is Glenn Ida; I represent the 1300 plus active members and about 600 retirees of the Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675.

Local 675, **strongly Supports** the nomination of Mr. Anacleto “Joey” S. Alcantra Jr. to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Mr. Alcantra is a local general contractor who has been involved in the building and construction business for 30 years. Mr. Alcantra has experience in project management, estimation and building and civil engineering construction as the COO and RME of Group Builders, Inc. His experience will be an asset to the Contractor License Board.

The Plumbers and Fitters Local 675, respectfully request a favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Anacleto “Joey” S. Alcantra Jr. to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Thank you this opportunity to testify.
Glenn Ida, 808-295-1280



Robert S. Harrison
President

March 21, 2011

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Hawaii State Capital, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: Governor's Message 530. Consideration and Confirmation to the Contractors License Board Gubernatorial Nominee ANACLETO "JOEY" S. ALCANTRA, JR.

Hearing: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs:

I request your consideration of my recommendation of Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. to the Contractors License Board of the State of Hawaii. Mr. Alcantra has the necessary industry background, leadership, trust and integrity required to serve as a Board Member.

I have known Mr. Alcantra as Chief Operating Officer and Responsible Managing Employee of Group Builders, Inc. since late 2007. Group Builders has been a major drywall, plastering, insulation and millwork subcontractor in Hawaii for over 30 years, completing about 1,500 projects valued in excess of \$850 million. As Chief Operating Officer, Joey's logistics and management skills have led to significant efficiencies being realized in the coordination of administration, warehouse and field operations

Joey has always been very open with the bank. He is honest, smart and hard working. Our relationship has always been based on trust and integrity. As a Board Member, Mr. Alcantra will be a strong contributor and advisor to the Contractors License Board of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Robert S. Harrison
President



OAHU CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

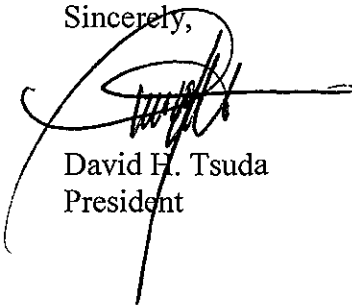
March 17, 2011

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairman
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Conference Room 229, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra Jr. for the past 6 years. Mr. Alcantra Jr. is currently serving under my administration as a board member for the Oahu Contractors Association for the past 2 years. As a board member under my administration Mr. Alcantra is dedicated to his position and has a sincere compassion combined with the professional capability to help others and his community. Mr. Alcantra is the Chief Operating Officer for Group Builders Inc, the largest finishing contractor in the State of Hawaii. With his experience and expertise I am confident Mr. Alcantra will be an outstanding candidate to serve on the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,



David H. Tsuda
President



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**Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr.
Responsible Managing Employee (RME) and Chief Operating Officer (COO)
Group Builders, Inc.**

Having joined Group Builders, Inc. in November 26, 2001, Joey is currently the RME and COO of the company, bringing with him the background experience of running the family construction business in the Philippines and here in Hawaii.

Within a short span of time, he has molded into the company's corporate structure, mentored by his father, Owner & President Anacleto "Lito" Alcantra, Sr., he learned about the importance of setting standards for the quality of service produced by the company in the projects built through the years, & the importance of keeping employees in strict compliance with safety policies to prevent citations from federal & state inspection agencies as well as avoid liabilities from injury or even property lawsuits which may arise from any unforeseen circumstance. He has assumed the responsibility for Group Builders operations, gained the respect, commitment, loyalty & admiration of employees, earning the trust & support of his predecessors as well as the new & incoming employees of the company, & other organizations he gets involved or affiliated with.

He conducts weekly meetings with Corporate Management (President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, Comptroller), all Estimators & Project Engineers which involves the weekly evaluation and summary of daily progress reports generated from the jobsites to determine the scheduled development and profitability of each project as well as any issues of concern from the field & office crews.

He also does weekly jobsite visits in the field to ensure that the operational functions for all trades (Drywallers, Carpenters, Plasterers, Tapers, Operating Engineers, Laborers – Journeymen and Apprentice as well as all Foremen) are performing properly, supervised accordingly and construction schedules are being followed.

His thorough knowledge and advisory management in efficient coordination of office, warehouse and field operations are all vital in his professional experience and responsibilities of running Group Builders, Inc.

His innovative & creative vision paves many ways of being able to gain support for various projects beneficial to people from different walks of life, identifying with the effort of hard working people & helping them to realize the rewards of commitment through service. He is able to use his talents in working with people to extend public relations outside of Group Builders such as the community, the state of Hawaii & the Philippines. He is admired for taking courageous steps in helping many people.

Despite his accomplishments, he remains humble, very down-to-earth especially in coordinating numerous events to help raise funds for other cultural organizations such as Sarrat Association & Magsingal Association.

Hosted numerous events to foster relations between visiting political dignitaries and celebrities from the Philippines and prominent people in Hawaii, introduce them to different aspects of the community and vice versa, hosts events for people from Hawaii to be introduced to different aspects of the communities and regions in the Philippines, helping to promote businesses' capital investments and industries such as tourism.

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

GM 530

March 30, 2011
9:00 am
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 Beretania Street

I am Anacleto "Joey" S. Alcantra, Jr. I am thankful for this opportunity to submit my resume, references and testimonies as a Gubernatorial Nominee for the Contractors License Board, for a term to expire on June 30, 2015. I believe in the significance of the Board as the embodiment of regulating the industry in order for the community to have the duly qualified contractors to do their line of work, with a good reputation to uphold the finest craftsmanship Hawaii can be proud of.

Being in the industry in Hawaii for over 10 years, I am confident that my position at Group Builders, Inc. as Responsible Managing Employee (RME) and Chief Operating Officer (COO) with a certification from the Apprenticeship program of the Hawaii Laborers Union is a solid background for the position, working with many other General Contractors and Subcontractors, trade unions, as well as being able to discern the proper standards for quality contractor work which our company has developed and built on for over 31 years, adhering to the principal mission to bring service of quality, integrity and responsibility.

I fully assure you that I will be of exemplary service should you consider and confirm me as a member of the Contractors License Board.

Respectfully yours,

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