

# GM532

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN POLISCHECK, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

**Report Title:** Contractors License Board

**Description:**

**Companion:**

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March 28, 2011

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

THE SENATE

THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011  
State of Hawaii

Re: Governor's Message No. 532 – Nomination of John Polischeck, Jr. to the  
Contractors License Board. Hearing Date: March 30, 2011

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of John Polischeck, Jr. to the  
Contractors License Board.

John is the President of American Piping and Boiler Co. ("APB") and my  
association with him and his company has been as his banker. APB has been a  
client of Bank of Hawaii since 2004. Through our banking relationship, I have  
come to know John as a person of unquestionably strong character and ethics. I  
also respect John's strategic thinking ability, as well as his ability to coordinate  
and manage multiple people, initiatives and projects at one time. Further, John  
has an extraordinary pride in quality workmanship and overall excellence. He  
holds high expectations for performance and execution of himself and others  
around, and raises the caliber of his team as a result.

I have the highest respect for John and believe him to be an excellent choice for  
the Contractor License Board. His thoughtful, deliberate manner, sense of  
fairness and high ethical standards will translate well to this governing body. It is  
with my full support that I ask you to favorably consider and approve John's  
nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dana Takushi  
Senior Vice President and Manager  
Bank of Hawaii  
Pearlridge Commercial Banking Center

March 27, 2011

The Senate  
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

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

Subject: Governor's Message No. 532  
Testimony in Support of John Polischeck, Jr. nomination to  
Contractors License Board

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE  
CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I strongly support the nomination of John Polischeck, Jr. for appointment to the Contractors  
License Board (Board).

I have known Mr. Polischeck, Jr. for over 15 years and have tremendous respect for his  
management and leadership capabilities. I have the utmost respect for his will, determination,  
and commitment to starting and building his own construction firm into one of the more  
respected and successful contractors. A testament to his leadership skills is the continued growth  
of his company, American Piping & Boiler Co., in the midst of a State and global economic  
recession.

As principal of a local construction management firm, I started to work with John when he was a  
field superintendent 15 years ago and continue to work with his company today. His core values  
of safety, teamwork, training and always providing outstanding service is no doubt reflected in  
the excellent quality of their construction work. I firmly believe that his values, business skills,  
integrity and experience will truly be an asset to the Board in decisions affecting public health  
protection, safety and welfare of all involved in the construction industry.

Personally, I know John as an individual with outstanding character and highest integrity who  
always wants to do the right things the right way and sincerely cares about people and our  
community. I believe he understands that this nomination is an opportunity to positively impact

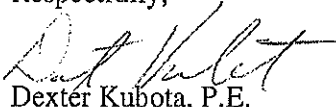


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not only everyone in the construction industry but how construction affects our future social and economic fabric of our community.

I respectfully request your support for the nomination of Mr. Polischeck, Jr. for appointment to the Contractor License Board.

Respectfully;

  
Dexter Kubota, P.E.  
Vice-President

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March 28, 2011

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Re: Governor's Message No. 532 – Nomination of John Polischeck, Jr. to the Contractors License Board.  
Hearing Date: March 30, 2011

To the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul C. Kennedy, Assistant Vice President and Surety Bond Manager for King & Neel, Inc. I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 532, regarding the nomination of John Polischeck, Jr. to the Hawaii State Contractors License Board. I and King & Neel, Inc., both support the nomination and appointment of John Polischeck, Jr. and respectfully request that the committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I have had the opportunity to get to know John as a result of his more than ten years as client of King & Neel, Inc. I am confident in my opinion that John possesses the integrity, qualifications, experience, judgment, reputation and commitment needed to serve on the Board.

As President and shareholder of American Piping & Boiler, Co. , John has built a organization with an impeccable reputation for successfully executing work in high risk environments, accomplished by John's unwavering focus on; the safety of his people; exceeding the expectations of his customers; and his expectation of the highest level of integrity from every member of his operation. His ability to lead his team with this focus has resulted in John building and running one of the premier construction firms in the State of Hawaii.

The Board would greatly benefit from John's participation due to the many years of experience in the construction community that have resulted in an indisputable reputation for integrity, incredible work ethic, fair business practice and outstanding relationships with the many participants in the Hawaii construction industry.

For these reasons, I and King & Neel, Inc., strongly urge you to confirm John's appointment to the board.

Aloha,

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Paul C. Kennedy  
Assistant Vice President

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Wesley I. Uemoto  
President



The Senate

March 25, 2011

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Re: Governor's Message No. 532 – Nomination of John Polischeck, Jr., to the Contractors License Board  
Hearing Date: March 30, 2011

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

This is to express my sincere support for the nomination and confirmation of John Polischeck, Jr., to the Contractors License Board. John possesses extensive knowledge and expertise in industrial contracting particularly in the field of industrial mechanical contracting and has been a personal friend of mine for many years.

He is a hands-on business owner who worked himself up through the trades and is a very detailed oriented individual. He has a reputation as a craftsman to being a perfectionist, and carries with him, his blue collar work ethic into running a reputable construction company. Through the years, I have watched the growth of his company from start-up to becoming one of the premier industrial general contractors in the State of Hawaii.

In addition to his success in growing and running a reputable contracting business, John is a person of character, a man of his word, and demonstrates strong ethical values. He will provide real insight to the Contracting board using his real life experiences. For all these reasons, I support John's nomination to the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,

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Fred Anawati  
Owner, Marisco



**Hawaii Solar Energy Association**  
*Serving Hawaii Since 1977*

**March 30, 2011**

**Senate**

**Mark Duda**

**9:00 AM**

**COMITTEEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER  
PROTECTION**

**President**

**GM 532**

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA) strongly supports the appointment of John Polischeck, Jr. to the Contractor's Licensing Board.

John is a highly respected member of Hawaii's construction industry whose broad scope of construction activities will make him a tremendous asset to the Board. John's more than 25 years experience in the industry - ranging from the field level to his current position as President and CEO of highly successful firm - ensure that he has sufficient depth of perspective to effectively and insightfully address the complex matters dealt with by the Board.

John is also well-placed to serve on the Board as result of the breadth of his current firm's activities. John's company, APB Construction Group, holds at least 10 specialty licenses and is experienced in most if not all of Hawaii's key construction trades. His portfolio of work in the sector I know best, energy, includes some of the state's best-known and most complex projects, as well as more than 600 of smaller scale solar PV projects.

In addition to his technical and substantive qualifications for the Board, John's personal qualities will make him an excellent representative for the State's contracting industry. Throughout his business dealings, John is known among clients, vendors, and other industry partners for his integrity, for being forthright, and for his unwavering commitment to quality and safety.

In summary, I wholeheartedly recommend John Polischeck to the Committee as an individual who will strengthen and enrich the dealings of the Contractor's Licensing Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Mark Duda  
President, Hawaii Solar Energy Association

**About Hawaii Solar Energy Association**

*Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA) is comprised of installers, distributors, manufacturers and financiers of solar energy systems, both hot water and PV, most of which are Hawaii based, owned and operated. Our primary goals are: (1) to further solar energy and related arts, sciences and technologies with concern for the ecologic, social and economic fabric of the area; (2) to encourage the widespread utilization of solar equipment as a means of lowering the cost of energy to the American public, to help stabilize our economy, to develop independence from fossil fuel and thereby reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change; (3) to establish, foster and advance the usefulness of the members, and their various products and services related to the economic applications of the conversion of solar energy for various useful purposes; and (4) to cooperate in, and contribute toward, the enhancement of widespread understanding of the various applications of solar energy conversion in order to increase their usefulness to society.*



TESTIMONY OF  
JOHN J. POLISCHECK, JR.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER  
PROTECTION

THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY ON GM 532 RELATING TO JOHN J. POLISCHECK, JR. FOR THE  
POSITION OF MEMBER, CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD

Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this morning.

It is an honor to be considered to serve the State of Hawaii as a member of the Contractors License Board. And, I also appreciate the Committee's time as my confirmation is being considered.

There have been so many people who have guided and supported me through my journey from being a welding student at Honolulu Community College back in 1984 to

my current position as President and co-owner of American Piping & Boiler Co. To list them all would clearly take too long. However, I must give thanks to four very special people in my life: the company co-owners, Shane Lau, Keith Teramae, and Mel Kakazu. And, of course, my wife, Lynn—who happens to own all of me.

I have never been one to make lengthy speeches, so I won't start here. What I will say is that I want to be a member of the Board, and to share my experiences and skills to the benefit of the Board.

I believe our company is pretty unique because of the type of work we routinely self-perform: although we started out and continue as an industrial mechanical specialty contractor, we now do building construction and heavy engineering work, and routinely self-perform structural steel erection, plumbing, air-conditioning, insulation, and electrical work. We also provide crane and rigging services, since we own a few of the largest hydraulic cranes in the State. With our licenses, our market includes work from heavy industry (power plants, and refineries), City, State, and Federal governments. We also are the exclusive installation contractor for the largest photovoltaic dealer in the State.

Consequently, my experiences would begin with my studying for the contractor's license exam in 2000 up through what I have learned in developing, and transitioning, a very small mechanical contracting outfit with 3 guys into a general contracting company currently averaging over \$30 million a year. These experiences will allow me to better understand and comment on any unique issues and problems that the Board may encounter.

Thank you again to Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Committee members for the opportunity to appear before you and for your consideration to have me serve as a member of the Contractors License Board.