

# GM 582

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARC K.M. YAMANE, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

**Report Title:** Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

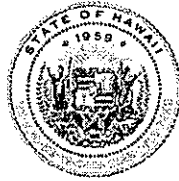
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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 582.**

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

My name is Alan Taniguchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 582, regarding the **reappointment** of Marc K.M. Yamane to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Yamane's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Yamane is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since March 28, 1995, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Yamane has attended every meeting since being appointed to the Board in 2007. He is able to evaluate the issues facing the Board objectively, balancing the interests of consumers and licensees. Mr. Yamane brings to the table his sixteen years of experience as a journeyman elevator mechanic. He is also very diligent in responding to requests for input on rule amendments and other related matters. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of elevator mechanics in Hawaii.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Yamane to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## Testimony / Statement

Aloha,

With almost 20 years in the trade as a helper, mechanic, and an instructor I bring a unique perspective to the board. My first term on the board has also given me valuable insight into the inner workings of state government. I also believe the only way to effect positive change within an organization is to be truly involved with that organization.

Ultimately the purpose of this board is to oversee the elevator industry so that safe and reliable elevators and escalators are provided to the riding public. By volunteering my time and effort I can help ensure that this mode of transportation remains at the top as one of the safest means of people moving.

My vision for the elevator mechanic's licensing board is to:

- (1) Create a continuing education requirement which will mandate elevator mechanics to keep up with new technology and codes; and
- (2) Have the state adopt the current 2010 code by working with the legislature and the elevator inspection division. The code that is currently used is the 1996 code. Technology has changed dramatically within the last 15 years and the 1996 code does not meet all the possible conditions in the industry today; and
- (3) Update the ambiguous language within the administrative rules and statutes.

If I am re-appointed to the licensing board then I will strive to move the board forward and to provide the public with qualified elevator mechanics.

Mahalo,  
Marc K. M. Yamane