

GM 583

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LAWRENCE T. MORINAGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 583

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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 583, regarding the appointment of Lawrence T. Morinaga to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Morinaga's appointment and respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I have spoken with Mr. Morinaga regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on my discussion with Mr. Morinaga, 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. Morinaga is a licensed elevator mechanic in Hawaii with more than 22 years of experience. He has served as International Union of Elevator Constructor (IUEC) for more than 20 years gaining construction, modernization and repair experience on a full range of equipments including traction and hydraulic elevators, escalators, moving walks, dumbwaiters, and material/stage lifts. Mr. Morinaga has been employed with Schindler Elevator Corp. throughout most of his career, including the positions of installer and foreman, and currently works as the firm's Adjuster. In his current role, Mr. Morinaga is responsible for providing support to all departments (maintenance, repair, and construction/modernization) in his firm, utilizing the knowledge gained through his extensive experience in the industry.

Mr. Morinaga's extensive involvement with his profession includes serving as an instructor in the National Elevator Industry Education Program (NEIEP) teaching level 3 and 4 classes. He also teaches classes at the Honolulu Community College's Elevator Apprenticeship Program, and served as a member on the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Mr. Morinaga held a Qualified Elevator Inspector (QEI) certification from 2007 to 2010.

Mr. Morinaga's involvements with community service include serving as an American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) coach in addition to coaching his son's Police Activities League (PAL) baseball and basketball teams.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Morinaga will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I

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respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Morinaga's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Lawrence T. Morinaga

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To whom it may concern,

This is just a brief statement of my skills, expertise, and knowledge which I feel would assist and strengthen my decision-making ability as a member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board. Also some additional information I would like to share with you.

I am currently an Adjuster for Schindler Elevator Corp., which I have been working for over 20 years. My job is to provide support to all departments (maintenance, repair and construction/modernization). Basically when someone needs help, I help them. Therefore my skills and knowledge need to be wide or "know-it-all". I'll admit I don't "know-it-all", but I need to at least be able to find the answers and make decisions of what is the best solution for the situation. Maybe that will help in making decisions for the board.

My skills and knowledge have been acquired from working in different roles of the industry over the many years, roles such as Helper, Installer, Foreman, Adjuster and Instructor on Elevators, Escalators, Moving-Walks, Dumbwaiters, Stage Lifts and Material Lifts. So my skills on not just dealing with equipment, but also the people involved also, people like Owners, Management, General and Sub-Contractors, Consultants, Inspectors and of course Elevator Constructors. Knowledge also came from countless training classes, either from the Companies I worked for and National Elevator Industry Educational Program (as a Student and an Instructor).

I was QEI Certified (Qualified Elevator Inspector) for two years, but even though my certification has lapse I still keep up to date on the requirements. Why did I not renew my certification? It's expensive to maintain for something I don't really need to have. This should show I have knowledge of or access to the code requirements of the equipment.

Other certifications are Scaffolding, Forklift, Rough-Terrain Forklift and AYSO Coach. That's right Soccer (Assistant) Coach. Believe it or not I feel what I have learned from coaching my boy's teams (he's 8 year old). I could apply to my class and co-workers have helped. I also Assistant Coached my boy's PAL Basketball team and currently Assistant Coaching my boy's PAL Baseball team.

So that pretty much summarizes me. Feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Lawrence T. Morinaga