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**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH M. HOVANIYAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

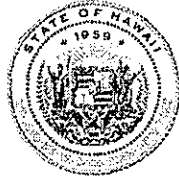
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9:15 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 584.**

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. 584, regarding the **reappointment** of Kenneth M. Hovanian to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Hovanian's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Hovanian is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He has been licensed since March 6, 2003, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Hovanian has an excellent meeting attendance record 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. Hovanian brings to the table his eight years of experience as a elevator mechanic. As a member of the Board, Mr. Hovanian is willing to learn and not afraid to ask questions to gain a better understanding of various issues, which allows him to be an informative and active participant in meeting discussions. He is able to evaluate the issues facing the Board objectively, balancing the interests of consumers and licensees. 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. Hovanian to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Aloha Senator Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs. My name is Kenneth Hovanian. Thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning>

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and state that I am very interested in continuing to serve as a member on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board. (I first became a member in 2006). While it seems like it was just yesterday that I joined the Board, it's been over 17 years that I've been an elevator mechanic and a subcontractor to the elevator industry. During that time, I've become familiar with the needs from both an employer and an employee's perspectives on issues pertinent to the industry.

While reviewing the cover letter I sent to the Office of Boards and Commissions in December 2005, I noted that a greater emphasis need to be placed on public safety and an increase in requirements needed to obtain as well as maintain the state elevator Mechanics license. I still believe those 2 points and if I may add, the continuing education component is also essential.

I hope to continue serving on the Board and rest assured, I remain committed to maintaining the public's safety in the elevator industry.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Hovanian