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**Measure
Title:**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of
Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, VERNON TA'A, for
a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

**Report
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Board of Electricians and Plumbers

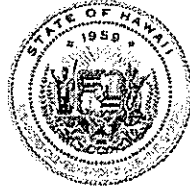
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2011

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
9:15 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 672

WRITTEN ONLY

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. 672, regarding the appointment of Vernon Ta'a to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Ta'a's appointment and respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

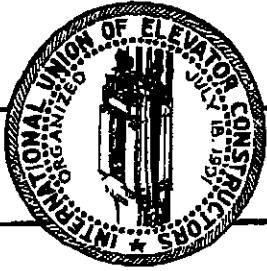
I have spoken with Mr. Ta'a regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on my discussion with him, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background, and experiences to serve on the Board, and to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

In October 2009, Mr. Ta'a retired as the Legislative Liaison for the Plumbers and Fitters Union Local 675. Although he was not a member of the Union, Mr. Ta'a says that it was a privilege to represent Local 675 at the State and County legislatures for more than 15 years. As the Legislative Liaison, he was responsible for developing and coordinating lobbying efforts to protect the rules and regulations that govern the plumbing industry.

Mr. Ta'a is looking forward to serving as a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. As a public member he is confident of his abilities to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hawaii. He has familiarized himself with Chapter 448E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the statute that governs Electricians and Plumbers. Mr. Ta'a says that he appreciates all the hard work of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's staff, in particular, he looks forward to working with Charlene Tamanaha, the Board's Executive Officer.

Considering his extensive experience, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Ta'a will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Ta'a's appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Via Fax: Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office@ 586-6659

**To: Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Honorable Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice-Chair**

**From: Thaddeus Tomei, Bus. Rep.
Elevator Constructor's Union, Local 126**

**Subject: Senate Hearing for consideration and confirmation of
Vernon Ta'a, Governor's nominee for Plumbers and
Electrician At-Large Board Member (GM 672)**

Aloha,

**We, the Officers and Members of the Elevator Constructor's Union
Local 126 support Vernon Ta'a as a member at-large to the Plumbers
and Electrician Board. Vernon Ta'a has shown great insight and
interest to serve as a board member to an industry that he has spent
many years promoting public awareness and safety issues.**

Mahalo



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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April 11, 2011

TO: **SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR**
State Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
For Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 9:15 a.m., Conference Room 229

RE: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 672:**
NOMINATION OF MR. VERNON TA'A TO THE STATE BOARD OF
ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS

Honorable Madame Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the State Senate Committee on Consumer Protection,

The **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186** represents over 3,200 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, and with Oceanic Cable. Our members include civil service employees at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, Hickam, and at every military installation in Hawaii. IBEW Local 1186 also represents over 110 signatory electrical contracting companies that perform most of the electrical work in the state.

It is my pleasure to humbly offer my support for the confirmation of **Mr. Vernon Ta'a's** nomination to the **Board of Electricians and Plumbers**. Mr. Ta'a's long and diverse career working in the areas of legislation, licensing, and contracts with government, labor, and management in the construction industry will be valuable to the Board. Mr. Ta'a works well in groups and will help ensure worker and public safety through his experience and willingness to serve.

Mr. Ta'a's background and his temperament for working with others to find solutions will be a tremendous asset to the Governor, the State Legislature, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, and the people of Hawaii.

We urge you to support Mr. Vernon Ta'a's confirmation, and thank you for this opportunity to offer our testimony.

Aloha and mahalo,

Damien Kim
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers Local Union 1186

LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA LOCAL 368



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Testimony In Support of

Mr. Vernon Ta'a

GM 672

To the

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 9:15 a.m.

State Capitol, Rm. 229

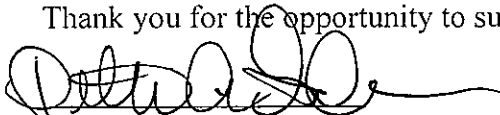
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair and members of the committee:

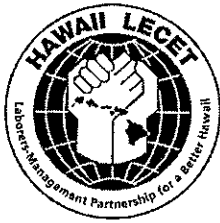
I am Peter A. Ganaban, Business Manager of the Hawaii Laborers' Union. We support the nomination of Mr. Vernon Ta'a to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

Mr. Ta'a served with the Plumbers and Fitter Union Local 675 for since 1992 for a period over 15 years. In this period he has experienced many facets of the construction industry in particular the work of plumbing subcontractors. His work required that he maintain specific and current knowledge of the rules, regulations and laws that affect the plumbing trade to enable him to direct the legislative strategies of the Plumber's Union.

Not all states have contractor licensing laws thus presenting a serious challenge to the Hawaii Contractor's Licensing Board, the Department of Labor, the Department of Taxation and the Health Department if outside contractors do business in Hawaii without having the proper Hawaii licenses. This hurts Hawaii employers who play by the game fairly. Mr. Ta'a understands this situation and has been interacting with the various state departments throughout the years to have these contractors comply with Hawaii law.

We sincerely ask that Mr. Vernon Ta's nomination be approved by the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.


Peter A. Ganaban



Testimony of Clyde T. Hayashi
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of Vernon Ta'a to serve on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

I have known Mr. Ta'a for several years and I have always found it to be very thoughtful, informed, and concerned. He is a very good communicator and has worked in many different situations. His experience and skills would be a great asset to the Board.

I feel Mr. Ta'a he will approach issues faced by the Board in a fair and objective manner and always with the overall public interest in mind. He would be a great addition to the Board and an excellent representative of the general public.

Hawaii LECET respectfully asks your favorable consideration of the nomination of Vernon Ta'a.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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GREGG S. SERIKAKU
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Via Email

April 11, 2011

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Senate
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, Regular Session of 2011

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

SUBJECT: GM 672

My name is Gregg Serikaku. I am the Executive Director of the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii.

The Association for which I speak strongly supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Vernon Ta'a to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

I have had the opportunity to work with Vernon on a variety of issues over the past several years, and he has always proven to be a terrific advocate for positive change.

Vernon combines a calm demeanor with a rational thought process that will assist this Board in making fair, thoughtful decisions.

We respectfully urge your committee to confirm the nomination of Vernon Ta'a to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gregg S. Serikaku", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gregg S. Serikaku
Executive Director

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From: Hardy Spoehr [HSpoehr@papaolalokahi.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 7:17 AM
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Conference Room 229
State Capitol

Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board, strongly supports the appointment of VERNON TA`A to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers for a term to expire in 2015. Mr. Ta`a has continuously distinguished himself as a leader in our community and in his chosen profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to strongly support this measure.

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