

Testimony  
Of  
Tristan K. Aldeguer  
To the  
Senate Committee  
On  
Judiciary and Labor  
On  
March 19, 2012

GM 798

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hoisting Machine Operation Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Tristan K. Aldeguer for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chair Hee and Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me, as I truly consider this an honor and a privilege to be considered as a member of the Hoisting Machine Operation and Advisory Board. I would also like to send a sincere and warm mahalo to the General Contractors Association of Hawaii and everyone that submitted letters of support on my behalf. I would like to thank everyone here in attendance lending me their encouragement, support and aloha.

I'm a local boy, born and raised in Waianae, Hawaii and a proud graduate of Waianae High School, I'm married to my wife Kimberly and have two beautiful daughter's one is three years of age and the youngest is eight-months old. I'm deeply grateful to my family, friends, teachers, and professional colleagues that have helped guide and mentored me throughout life.

Twelve years ago, my journey as a Safety Professional began when I signed up for the US Army Reserve as a Nuclear Biological Chemical specialist. Currently, I'm the Vice Chair of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii- Safety Committee and a former member of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health (HIOSH) Advisory Committee, which promotes workplace safety. I have over a decade of safety professional experience, with an Associates degree in Occupational Environmental Safety Management; along with two safety professional designations from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

My current position is Regional Safety Manager at **dck pacific construction, LLC**. For the past three and a half years I have been responsible for managing one of the most progressive Safety and Health programs in the United States. My experience has been working on or managing diversified construction projects in which complex

crane lifting apparatus and lifting configurations were used. In conjunction, my background in construction safety and experience working in the field with hoisting machines prepared me to become an ideal candidate for the Hoisting Machine Operation Advisory Board. One of the most notable projects that I was assigned as the Project Safety Representative was the construction of the new Honolulu International Airport Parking Garage project. This particular project involved 1, 468 critical crane lifts with some individual concrete pcs weighing as heavy as 30-tons. The safety of the general public and construction workers was of top priority for our organization. My responsibilities included daily pre-crane lift plans with crane operators and riggers to assure the safe execution of each lift. This dynamic approach to risk management was successful as there were no incidents to the general public or construction workers. This experience allowed me to work with some of the most talented crane and hoisting personnel in country as I had worked closely with Jim Weander, Rigging Consultant for Grace Pacific and Rocky Mountain Pre-cast, dck pacific construction General Superintendent Bradford Hall, Lampson International Crane Operator Gunner Dixon and long time Hawaii Crane Operator George Fujita. This group of outstanding professionals helped execute the difficult task of safely installing each piece of pre-cast.

My vision as a member of the Hoisting Machine Operation Advisory is to perpetuate the crane hoisting certification process by enhancing and providing a professional opinion on ways to improve the safe operation of hoisting machines in the State of Hawaii, while ensuring that the cost of the program is borne by the hoisting operators and not the tax payers of the State. With HIOSH adopting the new OSHA, Subpart CC-Crane and Derricks in Construction standard, the primary focus during my term of service would be to help amend and align the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter12-48.

In closing, I would like to thank the committee for their hard work, dedication and commitment to serve the people of Hawaii. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today and for considering my nomination.

At this time I will be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

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March 20, 2012

**TO: HONORABLE SENATORS CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR, MAILE SHIMABUKURO, VICE CHAIR  
AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR.**

**Re: SUPPORT OF GM 798: TRISTAN ALDEGUER, Gubernatorial Nominee, Hoisting Machine  
Operators Advisory Board, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.**

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2012  
TIME: 10:15 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee

I am writing in support of GM 798, regarding the nomination of Tristan Aldeguer to serve on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Mr. Aldeguer is a model candidate for the HMOAB because of his years of experience in the fields of occupational health and safety. He has over ten years of construction safety management and has exposure to real experiences in the field.

Mr. Aldeguer understands the intricacies involved in the development and management of an overall construction project. He has received special training and understands the importance of safety and operation. He is recognized by peers as a leader for his ability to achieve results through teamwork. Mr. Aldeguer has been commended for his excellent communication and negotiation skills, "hands-on" field safety experience, and understanding of construction process.

The HMOAB and its members play an important role in the construction industry and their involvement has a broad affect on the health and safety of the public. Mr. Aldeguer understands the importance of safety in the construction industry and will be able to share his perspective from a construction safety point of view.

I strongly support the appointment of Tristan Aldeguer to the HMOAB. Please contact me at (808) 348-3052 or via e-mail at [mmiyamoto@swinerton.com](mailto:mmiyamoto@swinerton.com) if I may provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

  
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Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sherman Wong and I am the current Chair of the Legislative Committee of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii. The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; GCA remains the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii whose mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

GCA is in **strong support** of GM 798, the nomination of Tristan Aldeguer to serve on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Mr. Aldeguer's years of experience in the fields of occupational health and safety makes him an ideal candidate for the position on the HMOAB. He has over ten years of construction safety management and has exposure to real experiences in the field.

Mr. Aldeguer has exceptional special training and understands the importance of safety and operation. He has worked inside and outside of Hawaii and has hands on experience that will allow him to understand any issues that may come up before the HMOAB. He is recognized by peers as a leader for his ability to achieve results through teamwork. Mr. Aldeguer has also been commended for his excellent communication and negotiation skills, "hands-on" field safety experience, and understanding of construction process.

The Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB) was created in 1998 by the Hawaii State Legislature to focus on public and worker safety in the certification of hoisting machine operators. The HMOAB developed and adopted Chapter 12-48 (HAR), Hoisting Machine

Operators, which became effective on December 6, 2002. Under these rules, certification is required for operators using equipment covered by American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) B30.5 Mobile and Locomotive Cranes, having a lifting capacity of more than five tons and that are used to perform construction work as defined by Section 12-50-2 HAR. The rules require operators to show that they have the experience, training, qualifications and certification to safely operate these hoisting machines. Enforcement of this requirement is covered in Section 12-136.1-2 HAR.

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GCA strongly supports the GM 798 and the appointment of Tristan Aldeguer to the HMOAB. We respectfully request this Committee to confirm his appointment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherman Wong", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sherman Wong  
Chair  
GCA Legislative Committee