

GM831

TYRUS KAGAWA

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, TYRUS KAGAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Contractors License Board

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Current Referral: CPN

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3/20/2012	S	Received.
3/20/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/21/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-04-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Tuesday, April 4, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 831
TYRUS KAGAWA

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 in support of Governor's Message No. 831 regarding the appointment of Tyrus Kagawa to the Contractors License Board ("Board") as a specialty contractor member. The Department respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this appointment to the Board.

Mr. Kagawa is Vice President and Senior Estimator/Project Manager for plumbing and HVAC projects for Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal Ltd., and has worked in the contracting industry for thirty years. He has extensive contracting background in a variety of large construction projects.

Mr. Kagawa recently served as a board member on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers from 2003 to 2011, and as such is well-versed in board procedures and protocol. He has been licensed as a contractor since 1994, licensed as a plumber since 1993 and licensed as an engineer since 1988.

Mr. Kagawa will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board and looks forward actively participating in the work of the Contractors License Board.

In light of his background, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Kagawa will prove to be an asset to the State and to this Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to this appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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GREGG S. SERIKAKU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Via Email

March 27, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, Regular Session of 2012

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

SUBJECT: GM831 Confirmation of Tyrus Kagawa

My name is Gregg Serikaku. I am the Executive Director of the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii. Our Association represents over 40 major plumbing and mechanical contractors who employ over 1,000 mechanics, technicians, managerial staff, and administrative personnel here in Hawaii.

The Association for which I speak fully supports the nomination of Tyrus Kagawa to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Mr. Kagawa is the Vice-President of Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal, Ltd. and has been employed there for over 30 years. Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal, Ltd. is a charter member of our Association and remains one of the most respected names in our industry.

Mr. Kagawa is a State licensed Journeyman Plumber, a mechanical engineer, and a licensed contractor holding licenses in C-4 (Boiler, Hot-Water Heating & Steamfitting), C-37 (Plumbing), and C-52 (Ventilation & Air Conditioning). This well rounded experience gives Tyrus very good insight into what is required to be a responsible and successful specialty contractor.

Mr. Kagawa has also served on the Board of Directors of our Association for many years and is the current President Elect for the 2013-2015 term, and it is through his dedicated work on the Association that Mr. Kagawa has proven himself as a person of high integrity and trust, and a valuable advocate for positive change.

Lastly, Tyrus has the necessary personal skills to work cooperatively within such a large Board, and his calm, rational demeanor will assist this Board in making fair and thoughtful decisions.

We respectfully urge your committee to confirm the nomination of Tyrus Kagawa to the Contractors License Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Respectfully yours,

Gregg S. Serikaku
Executive Director

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**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 2012
9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 229**

**Hawaii State Capitol
Re: GM831**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

The Sheet Metal Contractors Association represents Sub-contractors of the Sheet Metal Industry. As Executive Director, I am pleased to support Mr. Tyrus Kagawa as Nominee for the Contractors License Board.

As an Industry associate, I know that Mr. Kagawa is an excellent contractor and upholds the highest standards in the industry.

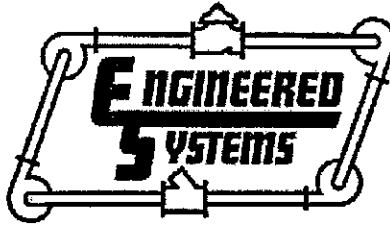
Furthermore, as the current Chair for the Contractor License Board, I extend my support for Mr. Kagawa.

Therefore, please CONFIRM Mr. Tyrus Kagawa's nomination to the Contractor License Board.

Sincerely,



Neal Arita
Executive Director
Sheet Metal Contractors Association



4/3/2012

Boards and Commissions Manager
Office of the Governor
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Contractor License Board Nomination / Mr. Tyrus Kagawa

To Whom It May Concern:

I am currently the Vice President of Engineered Systems Inc. and also on its Board of Directors. I am corresponding to give supporting testimony for Mr. Tyrus Kagawa. I have known Tyrus in excess of 30 years, both professionally and personally.

In my experience with him professionally he has always conducted himself with honesty and integrity. He is an excellent engineer who has displayed to me not only technical competence but also fairness in dealing with both his colleagues and co-workers. He has set an example of himself and through hard work and perseverance, elevated himself to his current position with Oahu Plumbing and Sheetmetal.

I am also familiar with his wife and family. He has always been a great family man and supported his wife and son in their endeavors. I also had the pleasure of playing basketball with Tyrus for a number of years. One can learn many things about a person in a sports setting. He was hard working, a great team player and very supportive of the team goals. We were successful on some occasions and not in others. He was a very good both winner and loser when it came to sports. These are all great qualities that he possesses.

I feel that if elected to the Licensing Board that Tyrus would be an excellent representative of his trade as well as those of us in the plumbing and HVAC industry. I would strongly recommend him for this position.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Paul Scott – Technical VP – Engineered Systems Inc.



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April 3, 2012

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chairman Commerce & Consumer Protection
Senatorial District 5
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Mr. Tyrus Kagawa Nomination to Contractors License Board

Honorable Rosalyn Baker:

I am the Executive Vice President for Oahu Plumbing & Sheetmetal, Ltd. and have worked in the Construction Industry for 40 years and am a registered mechanical engineer in the State of Hawaii for 35 years. Having been a part of the construction industry in Hawaii for my entire working career has made me understand the importance of having strong but fair oversight by the Contractors Licensing Board to protect the community at large.

I have known and worked with Mr. Tyrus Kagawa for over 30 years. Through all of my years working with him and seeing him interact with people from all aspects of the construction industry, I have always had the highest respect for his professional behavior and his willingness to listen to all sides of any issue. He is thorough in his review and above all fair and sensible in his decisions.

If appointed as a member of the Contractors License Board, Mr. Kagawa will bring the experience of his many years of service to the community and construction industry. He served for over 10 years as a board member of the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association, Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 675 as well as 8 years (two terms) as a member of the State of Hawaii Board of Electricians and Plumbers. He is a licensed journeyman plumber as well as a registered Mechanical Engineer in the State of Hawaii.

I strongly support Mr. Tyrus Kagawa's nomination to the Contractors License Board based on his experience in the construction industry, his professionalism and his many years of service to the community and construction industry.

Very truly yours,

Norman K. Tada
Executive Vice President

TESTIMONY
OF
TYRUS I. KAGAWA
ON
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
ON
APRIL 4, 2012
GM-831

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, TYRUS I. KAGAWA, for term to expire 6-30-16

Chairman Baker, members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about myself for your consideration of my confirmation to the Contractors Licensing Board.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I grew up in Palolo and attended Palolo Elementary School, William Paul Jarrett Intermediate and graduated from Kaimuki High School. I attended to the University of Hawaii, at Manoa and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. I currently possess the following licenses:

- Journeyman Plumber
- Contractors License
 1. C-37) Plumbing (C-37).
 2. (C-04) Boiler, Hot-Water Heating & Steam Fitting
 3. (C52) Ventilating & Air Conditioning
- Professional Engineer

I have worked in the plumbing and air conditioning industry at Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal Ltd for the last 32 years. During that time, I've participated in the construction of numerous commercial buildings, condominiums, hotels, hospitals and light industrial piping projects.

I've just completed serving on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (2003-2011). I am currently serving on the board of the Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii (PAMCA), and in the past have served as a management representative and chairman on the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry (Local 675).

Having just served as a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers I have learned the importance of balancing the safety and economic issues required to protect the consumers of the Hawaii. The board experience has increased my awareness of the workings of government and given me an opportunity to contribute to the community.

My participation with the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, and having worked with apprenticeship training, and the construction industry for many years, has given me an opportunity to gain insight into what is needed to develop a journey worker for today's construction market. I hope to extend that knowledge to determine what constitutes a good contractor.

Thank you.