

GM832

KENT MATSUZAKI

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

Report Title: Contractors License Board

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s):

<u>Sort by</u> <u>Date</u>		Status Text
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. 832
KENT MATSUZAKI**

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. 832 regarding the appointment of Kent Matsuzaki 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. Matsuzaki is the Owner and General Manager of both Economy Plumbing and Sheetmetal, Inc., and Island Wide A/C Services, LLC. As the President of Economy Plumbing and Sheetmetal, Mr. Matsuzaki manages a company with 30 employees involved in air conditioning, plumbing and fire sprinkler work. As a managing member of Island Wide A/C Services, LLC, Mr. Matsuzaki is involved in the operation of an air conditioning service company.

Mr. Matsuzaki is a licensed contractor in good standing (CT #14895) and holds C-4, C-37 and C-52 license classifications. Through his various companies, Mr. Matsuzaki has been involved in a number of significant construction projects in this state, including work at the Hawaii Pacific University, Iolani School, Honolulu International Airport, and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. His diverse background will help the board evaluate a variety of classification and scope issues.

In light of his background, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Matsuzaki 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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April 4, 2012

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
President

Subject: GM 832 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, gubernatorial nominee, KENT MATSUZAKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii and we endorse the consideration and confirmation of Kent Matsuzaki to serve on the Contractors License Board. Kent has been an active participant in the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii and has demonstrated his knowledge of the industry, the laws and his desire for a balance between a regulated community and consumer protection.

Based on the above, we respectfully request this Committee's confirmation of Mr. Matsuzaki.

Thank you.

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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: GM832**

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. Kent Matsuzaki as Nominee for the Contractors License Board (CLB). As Industry associate, I am familiar with Mr. Matsuzaki's contracting business, positive work ethics and upright character. I am confident that he will fulfill his responsibilities as CLB Member; representing the people of Hawaii to ensure safe and economical contracting practices. Furthermore, as the current Chair for the Contractor License Board, I extend my support for Mr. Matsuzaki.

Therefore, please CONFIRM Mr. Kent Matsuzaki's nomination to the Contractor License Board.

Sincerely,



Neal Arita
Executive Director
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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: GM832 Confirmation of Kent Matsuzaki

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 Kent Matsuzaki to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Mr. Matsuzaki is the owner and President of Economy Plumbing and Sheet Metal, Inc., a Kama'aina family owned company for over 50 years. Mr. Matsuzaki is also an owner and managing member of Island Wide A/C Service LLC. Both of these companies together employ over 40 tradespersons and administrative staff and represents two of the best managed companies in our industry.

Mr. Matsuzaki received a BS in mechanical engineering from Stanford University, and holds contractor's licenses in C-4 (Boiler, Hot-Water Heating & Steamfitting), C-37 (Plumbing), and C-52 (Ventilation & Air Conditioning). Mr. Matsuzaki has experience in all aspects of contracting including estimating, project management, field supervision, financial budgeting, etc., and it is this inherent knowledge of the contracting business that would make Mr. Matsuzaki a terrific asset for the Contractors License Board.

Mr. Matsuzaki has served on the Board of Directors of our Association for many years and is a past President and a current Director. Mr. Matsuzaki's willingness to share his knowledge and advice with the Board members, the Association's membership, and other subcontractors is a testament to his concern for the betterment of all companies in the construction industry as well as his desire for ethical contracting practices that protect public interests.

We respectfully urge your committee to confirm the nomination of Kent Matsuzaki to the Contractors License Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Respectfully yours,

Gregg S. Serikaku
Executive Director

March 26, 2012

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

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Of Hawaii, 2012 Session of the 26th Legislature

RE: Personal Statement – Contractor License Board Appointment
Kent Matsuzaki
GM # 832

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the Contractor's License Board.

Thank you to Governor Abercrombie for nominating me.

I am a graduate mechanical engineer and have now been involved in the Construction Industry for 27 years. Although a college graduate, I have ground up experience starting in the warehouse at the bottom and working my way up doing all aspects of the business – estimating, project management, field supervision, administration and now President of Economy Plumbing & Sheetmetal, Inc.

My experience is in the Mechanical Field - Air conditioning, plumbing, boilers and fire sprinkler

I want to be a Board member since I believe in giving back and helping others, a value that has come down from my parents. The State needs qualified contractors at all times and especially when the Industry gets busier.

Today, I hold multiple licenses and supervise 40 employees. I am confident of my decision making ability with regards to licensing.

I look forward to this opportunity that has been presented to me and I ask for your support.

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