

GM 899

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GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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April 11, 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 899: PAUL JOHNSTON, JR., Gubernatorial Nominee,
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.**

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 11, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 016

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 (GCA). The 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 80th 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 899, the nomination of Paul Johnston, Jr. to serve on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Mr. Johnston has exceptional experience in the field of project management and occupational safety and health. His most recent work experience includes on-site compliance for health and safety, management of workers compensation claims, and safety training programs for staff.

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.

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. Johnston's commitment to worksite safety is reflected in his many years of service in the construction industry as a safety administrator, consultant and manager. His continued education and board certifications keep him up to speed with the latest occupational safety and health practices.

GCA **strongly supports** GM 899 and the appointment of Paul Johnston, Jr. to the HMOAB. We respectfully request this Committee to confirm his appointment.

Very truly yours,

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

Sherman Wong
Chair
GCA Legislative Committee



**SUPPORT LETTER FOR PAUL JOHNSTON
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board**

Via E-Mail: JDLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

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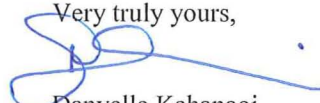
Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee

I am writing in support of Paul Johnston who has been nominated to serve on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Paul is an ideal candidate to serve on HMOAB because of his years of experience in the construction industry and his specialization in safety. I have known Paul for almost 4 years. He has been a true safety leader and team player that we have all respected in the office and in the field. He has been a constructive person in assisting with and assessing a lot of the safety challenges we face during the course of construction on our projects. He exemplifies the value of relationships and building people first through his optimistic interactions with everyone around him. We are honored to have the opportunity to work with such a great individual and I am also speaking on behalf of hundreds of field employees not only within our company that interact with Paul on the construction projects, but also the employees from other companies whose lives he has positively impacted over the years as they have frequently told me so.

The HMOAB and its members play an important role in the construction industry and their decisions have a broad affect on the health and safety of the public. Paul 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 Paul Johnston to the HMOAB. Please contact me at (808) 541-8108 or via e-mail at dmkahanaoi@nordicpcl.com if I may provide any further information.

Very truly yours,



Danyelle Kahanaoi
Project Manager

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Via E-Mail: JDLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

April 9, 2012

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The HMOAB and its members play an important role in the construction industry and their decisions have a broad affect on the health and safety of the public. Paul 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 Paul Johnston to the HMOAB. Please contact me at (808) 620-2013 or via e-mail at ewballew@nordicpcl.com if I may provide any further information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Ballew".

Eric Ballew
Project Manager

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: Lardizabal@local368.org
Subject: Testimony for GM899 on 4/11/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 8:17:20 AM

Testimony for JDL 4/11/2012 10:00:00 AM GM899

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Al Lardizabal
Organization: Hawaii Laborers' Union
E-mail: Lardizabal@local368.org
Submitted on: 4/10/2012

Comments:
April 10, 2012

Chair Clayton Hee; Vice Chair Maile S. L. Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union strongly supports Paul D. Johnson's nomination to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. He is a professionally certified Construction and Health Safety Technician (CHST) and has a degree in Occupational Safety and Health. He is a safety instructor and safety administrator in the construction industry. He is highly qualified for the HMOAB.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Al Lardizabal
Government Relations
Hawaii Laborers' Union



Via E-Mail: JDLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

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The HMOAB and its members play an important role in the construction industry and their decisions have a broad affect on the health and safety of the public. Paul 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 Paul Johnston to the HMOAB. Please contact me at (808) 864-9909 or via e-mail at lmfrench@nordicpcl.com if I may provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry French". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Larry French
Senior Project Manager



S & M SAKAMOTO, INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Via E-Mail: JDLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

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I strongly support the appointment of Paul Johnston to the HMOAB. Please contact me at 808-456-4717 by phone or via e-mail at dideta@smsihawaii.com if I may provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

Dennis M. Ideta, SVP

April 11, 2012

Mardi Miyamoto, CHST, OHST, HEM
1050 Bishop St., #258
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Very truly yours,

Mardi Miyamoto