

## **Contractors License Board**

Effective Date: 12/24/2012 (Reappointment)

Expiration Date: 6/30/2017

Representing: General Contractor/Kaua'i

Department: DCCA

Term Limit: N/A

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## The Senate

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February 28, 2013

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Nathan Konishi  
Contractors License Board

Dear Senator Baker: *RK*

I am informed that Mr. Nathan Konishi has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the Contractors License Board representing Kauai County. I am in strong support of Mr. Konishi's nomination and I am sure he will do an exemplary job as a member of the board if approved by your committee.

It is my firm belief that if confirmed, Mr. Konishi will become a valuable asset to the Contractors License Board.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

*Ronald D. Kouchi*  
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cc: Mr. Nathan Konishi

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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

Friday, March 1, 2013  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NOS. 515 AND 516.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Verna Oda and I am the Executive Officer for the Contractors License Board, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message Nos. 515 and 516, regarding the appointment and reappointment of Nathan T. Konishi to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Konishi's appointment and reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Konishi has been an interim industry member since January 18, 2013, and his interim term expires on June 30, 2013. He is also being reappointed to the Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2017. He has been licensed since November 1, 1995, and holds the general building, masonry, and painting license classifications. He is the

responsible managing employee of Pacific Blue Construction, LLC, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Konishi attended his first Board meeting on January 18, 2013, and actively participated in the Board's discussions. He demonstrated a command over the issues before the Board and expressed insight gained over many years of experience as a licensed contractor. The Department appreciates his interest in serving on the Board, and looks forward to continuing to benefit from his contributions.

The Department supports the confirmation of Nathan T. Konishi to the Contractors License Board and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**GCA of Hawaii**

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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March 1, 2013

**TO: HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, HONORABLE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**RE: SUPPORT OF GM 515 & 516: NATHAN KONISHI, Consideration and Confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Expiration 6/30/2013 & 6/30/2017.**

Hearing before Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

DATE: Friday, March 1, 2013  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee,

My name is Marnie Koga Hursty and I am the President of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), an organization comprised of over six hundred general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's 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.

**The GCA is in strong support of GM 515 & GM 516 regarding Nathan Konishi's appointment to serve on the Contractors License Board.**

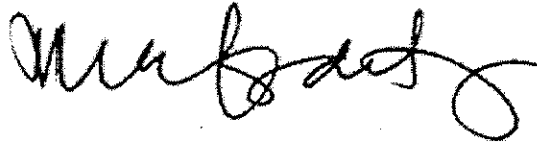
Mr. Konishi will represent the county of Kauai and the entire industry with a first-hand perspective of the construction industry from his work with Pacific Blue Construction. Mr. Konishi is an active member of the Contractors Association of Kauai and understands the industry. He will represent the perspective of the general contractor on key issues that come before the Contractors License Board.

Members of the Contractors License Board each play an important and distinct role in the 13 member body. As one of five general contractors, Mr. Konishi's perspective as a general contractor is very important. Mr. Konishi is experienced in their field and understands the issues concerning other general contractors in construction. Mr. Konishi is well-qualified to participate on the Contractors Licensing Board.

Honorable Rosalyn Baker  
March 1, 2013  
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GCA respectfully requests your favorable consideration of the appointment of Mr. Konishi to the Contractors License Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marnie Koga Hursty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Marnie Koga Hursty  
President



February 25, 2013

HAWAII STATE SENATE

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Testimony from the Contractors Association of Kaua'i

**GM 515 and GM 516, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Nathan Konishi**

Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, I am Jerry Nishek, President of the hundred member Contractors Association of Kaua'i, presenting testimony and support for the appointment of NATHAN KONISHI to the Contractors License Board.

The Contractors Association of Kaua'i's (CAK) Board of Directors strongly believes Nathan Konishi will serve the construction industry fairly and with integrity while being sensitive to the needs of the consumer.

Mr. Konishi has been part of the construction industry since 1984, when he graduated from Kaua'i Community College with a certificate in carpentry. He worked his way up to become a journeyman carpenter and supervisor. Then in 2005 he co-founded Pacific Blue Construction where he is President and principal Responsible Managing Employee (RME).

Thank you very much for considering the Gubernatorial appointment and confirmation of Nathan Konishi to fill the interim position and a full term as a member of the Contractors License Board.

# Ron's Electric, Inc.

Contractor's License No. C-19916



February 26, 2013

HAWAII STATE SENATE

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Testimony from Ron's Electric, Inc.

**GM 515 and GM 516, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractor's License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Nathan Konishi**

Honorable Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, on behalf of Ron's Electric Inc., I would like to submit testimony and support for the nomination of NATHAN KONISHI to the Contractor's License Board.

I have personally known Nathan since his time as an apprentice carpenter. Over the years he has bettered himself and rose steadily in the trade until he became a foreman for Kauai Builders, Ltd. and subsequently became one of the founding members of Pacific Blue Construction, L.L.C. in 2005. He is currently the President and principal Responsible Managing Employee (RME) for the company.

We are certain that Mr. Konishi will serve with integrity and fairness on the Board to protect our customers in his capacity as a Board member.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of the appointment and confirmation of Nathan Konishi to fill the interim position and full term as a member of the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely yours,

Randall T. Nishimura

President



February 26, 2013


Recommendation of Nathan Konishi to the Contractors Licensing Board

I have known Nathan Konishi professionally, first as a carpenter, then as a licensed contractor for over thirty years. My initial contact was as the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) Kauai District Public Works Branch Manager overseeing construction projects then later as the DAGS Kauai District Engineer overseeing the Kauai District.

From my perspective, there are two qualities that stand out. Nathan's honesty and competence. He never short changed us at DAGS by deviating from plans and specifications. And he always was willing and able to look for economical solutions when unforeseen conditions surfaced during construction. I could always count on Nathan to work towards keeping my projects on schedule and within budget.

Even after being retired for three years, I occasionally call on Nathan for assistance on construction related issues. I know that Nathan will be an asset for this board and I will be happy to provide any further information. I can be reached at [standoi@yahoo.com](mailto:standoi@yahoo.com) or at 808-639-7162.

Sincerely,

  
Stanley S. Doi  
DAGS Kauai District Engineer, retired

February 27, 2013

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H Baker, Chair  
Committee of Commerce and  
Consumer Protection

Re: Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee  
**NATHAN KONISHI** for Contractor's License Board

GM 515 & GM 516

Aloha Senator Baker and distinguished colleagues,

My name is Matt Takata and I'm writing in support of Nathan Konishi's nomination to the Contractor's License Board. I've known Nathan for over 18 years and enjoyed our relationship in varying capacities; friend, fellow Kauai Jaycee, Contractor, and volunteer for many community efforts. Regardless of capacity, Nathan always acts and behaves in a thoughtful and fair manner; seeking to understand before acting. He works very hard and always leaves a place better than when he arrived. As a small business owner he is very cognizant of the pressures of running a business yet is well aware of the pitfalls of allowing anyone that is ill equipped or incompetent to properly service a consumer.

When not at work, Nathan is devoted to his wife and two young sons. His sons have many interests such as baseball, scouting, taiko drumming and Nathan chooses to be an active contributor of these organizations instead of being a passive spectator. This past January Nathan was awarded "Outstanding Cub Scout Supporter of the Year" by the Aloha Council Kauai District. A distinction by his peers who felt Nathan's significant contributions of his time and energy made a difference for the betterment of the entire organization.

Nathan's experiences in business and in life make him an ideal contributory member of the Contractor's License Board and I do hope that he will be confirmed.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Mahalo Nui Loa!

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February 28, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

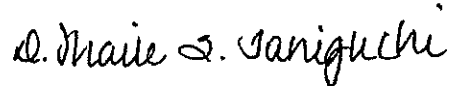
Re: GM515 and GM516

I am pleased to take this opportunity to recommend Nathan Konishi to serve on the Contractors License Board for the State of Hawaii. I make this recommendation without reservation as I am confident that Nathan will prove to be a most welcomed asset to the Board in representing all those in the Contractor's field.

I have known Nathan in a personal capacity for over twenty years. He is one of the hardest working people I know. He is active in community affairs and a genuine family man. His personal integrity is beyond question, and he has always demonstrated the highest ethical and moral standards in his professional capacity as a Contractor.

I would recommend him without hesitation to hold any position of trust. I strongly urge you to give favorable consideration to his appointment as a Board member for I believe that he will prove to be your most valuable asset.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Maile S. Taniguchi

**Nathan T Konishi**  
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Office of Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: Responses to questions emailed on January 31, 2013.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Contractors License Board?

Answer: To serve the public interest for homeowners and businesses for their safety and confidence in the contractors available in the State of Hawaii.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Contractors License Board?

Answer: At this time I perceive the role and responsibility as insuring the people of Hawaii are provided quality contractors that are responsible and trustworthy of their licensure.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

Answer: Being in the construction industry for nearly 30 years and being a General Building contractor for over 17 years, would substantiate my expertise and experience in the business. In the last 10 years I have been focusing on mainly State of Hawaii, County of Kauai, and Federal construction projects. Because of this, I have become even more knowledgeable with Hawaii laws (HRS444) and DAGS Interim General Conditions for public contracts. This experience gives me a more general overview of contracting jobs from the small home owner projects to State, County, and Federal Government projects.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Answer: I hope to serve as best I can to provide the people of Hawaii with contractors that will provide quality services, fair dealings, and a safe environment.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

Answer: For the answer to this, I actually asked my wife to give her response. In her words, she almost immediately stated "Hard working, trustworthy, good common sense" (in that order). When I commit to something, I will give it my best effort to get the job done as best I can, in the interest of the public and the Board.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member?

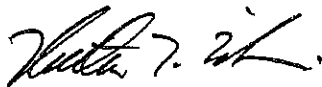
Answer: In 2005, I started Pacific Blue Construction LLC with a total of 5 partners. To date, all 5 co-owners are still together and working hard providing quality services to the island of Kauai. I take pride in that in this day and age, through my leadership, we have overcome obstacles and remain together as a successful partnership company. I enjoy working with others and ironing out any differences that come about. I have come to learn and emphasize that "communication", is one of the most important aspects of a successful business. I will take this same attitude and work ethics and apply it in my service on the Board.

I have to credit a lot of my leadership skills to my membership with the Hawaii Jaycees (West Kauai chapter), which I was a member for about 10+ years, and had held the presidency once.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Answer: Because Kauai is a small island community, and my many contacts within the industry, it is most likely a conflict of interest will arise, especially applicants of contractors licensure. Should this become apparent, I would have to excuse myself from any voting decision by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan T. Konishi