

GOV. MSG. NO. 600

Board of Electricians and Plumbers

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Friday, March 1, 2013

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 600

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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 600 regarding the nomination of Mr. Randal Hiraki to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. The Department respectfully requests the committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this nomination to the Board.

Mr. Randal Hiraki has more than twenty-nine years of plumbing experience starting with the Apprenticeship Program of PAMCA UA Local 675 in 1974 and rising through the ranks to currently serve as President of Commercial Plumbing Inc., in the State of Hawaii. Mr. Hiraki's business acumen is clearly demonstrated by the growth history of Commercial Plumbing starting as a two person company to currently employing over 130 employees consisting of 68 licensed journeyman plumbers, fire sprinkler, a pipefitter and a refrigeration journeyman and over 50 apprentices and supported by a 30 person staff office.

Mr. Hiraki's community activities demonstrate his community spirit with participation in such activities as the Great Aloha Run, Friends of Hawaii Charities, Inc., and company sponsorship in the annual JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes. Mr. Hiraki currently serves as vice president for the Board of Directors of Carole Kai Charities, Inc., and has participated in organizing the Great Aloha Run.

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I am confident that given the opportunity, Mr. Hiraki will prove to be an asset to the State and this Board. I respectfully ask that the Committee recommend his nomination to the Senate body. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 19, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session of 2013

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

SUBJECT: GM600 Confirmation of Randal Hiraki

My name is Gregg Serikaku, Executive Director of the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii, and we represent plumbing, air conditioning, refrigeration, and fire sprinkler contractors in Hawaii and are the management representatives for the largest certified training programs for each of these trades.

The Association for which I speak fully supports the nomination of Randal Hiraki to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Mr. Hiraki is the President of Commercial Plumbing Inc. and has over 30 years of experience in the plumbing industry, both as a tradesperson and business owner. Commercial Plumbing Inc. is the largest plumbing contractor in the state and is one of the most respected and recognized names in our industry, and as its president, Mr. Hiraki was selected as the 1997 Small Business Person of the Year for the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Hiraki has earned the State Journeyman Plumbers license and his company holds licenses in C-4 (Boiler, Hot-Water Heating & Steamfitting), C-20 (Fire Protection), C-37 (Plumbing), C-40 (Refrigeration), C-43 (Sewer and Drain Pipelaying) and C-52 (Ventilation & Air Conditioning). This well rounded experience gives Mr. Hiraki a very good perspective on the skills required of licensed plumbers as well as the needs of the plumbing industry, and he will undoubtedly assist the Board of Electricians and Plumbers in making fair and thoughtful decisions.

We respectfully urge your committee to confirm the nomination of Randal Hiraki to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Respectfully yours,

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Executive Director

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February 12, 2013

To the Board of Electricians and Plumbers,

My name is Myron Nakata and I am honored to be writing this letter on behalf Randy Hiraki. I have been in the construction industry for 35 years and more specifically in the mechanical insulation, which deals with Plumbing and Air conditioning engineers, contractors and end users such as hotels, hospitals, condominiums, office buildings, etc.

I have known Randy for approximately 25 years, since the inception of his company, Commercial Plumbing Inc. Over the years, Randy has always provided excellent service to his customers with his knowledge of the plumbing systems and good business practices. If Randy does not know the answer, because of his tenacity to provide the best service possible, he will do his research to provide the customers with the various options and the preferred installation. Randy treated all his customers with the same respect and level of service that he could be proud of and this has translated to having many repeat customers and with recommendations and accolades to Randy and Commercial Plumbing, Inc.

Over the years, with new plumbing technologies and systems, Randy would always test out the materials or systems before installing it for any customer. He wanted to know the problems or weaknesses before his company would install it. This type of conscientious actions provided comfort to the mechanical engineers who were specifying these new materials or systems as well as the customers who end up with these installations. It is very easy to see why owners and contractors trust Randy with their plumbing installations. Even suppliers are grateful to Randy and Commercial Plumbing in installing their products correctly.

Randy's insistence that all his workers are trained properly and are monitored to insure that the job is done right the first time is evident on his callbacks for warranty work. All of his customers will give him high marked for this as it costs them money when something needs to be shut down temporarily. Through the years, you don't see Commercial Plumbing being sued for a faulty job or using the wrong materials. In my opinion, this is not luck, but it is from the thorough knowledge of knowing what you are doing as well as conscientious workers doing the installations right. This is the true value of the plumbing work that will be provided to you by Randy Hiraki and Commercial Plumbing, Inc.

Respectively,



Myron M. Nakata
President

Testimony of Glenn Ida
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In Strong Support of GM600

Before the Senate:
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, March 1, 2013
10 AM, Conference Room 229.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Galuteria and Committee Members,

My name is Glenn Ida; I represent the active members and retirees of the Plumbers and Fitters Union, Local 675.

Local675 is in strong support of Gm 600, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, Randal Hiraki, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Mr. Hiraki started his Plumbing career as an apprentice working his way through the ranks till earning his journeyman plumbing license and is now the President of Commercial Plumbing, Inc.. Mr. Hiraki provides a unique perspective as Tradesman and a Businessman of the Plumbing industry. Local 675 believes that Mr. Haraki's participation would be a valuable asset to the E & P Board.

Therefore, Local 675 strongly Supports GM 600, and asks for favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Randal Hiraki to the Electricians and Plumbers Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Glenn Ida



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February 25, 2013

Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

Re: Randal M. Hiraki

Dear Chair and Members:

I am writing in strong support of your consideration to appoint Randal M. Hiraki to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Randal personally and professionally for over 20 years and know him to be extremely hardworking, dependable and someone who has excellent business acumen.

As a past Small Business Person of the Year awardee, Randal's experience in running a successful and growing plumbing company can bring much insight to the committee. Additionally, he has vast experience in working with many Developers, Contractors and both large and small business owners.

Of Randal's many qualities, I feel his ability access a situation and provide clear and reasonable solutions has been a trait I have always admired. He is solution driven and works toward efficiency, while being able to bring people together.

It is my honor to be able to communicate my support for Randal Hiraki. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts, as I know the public will be the ultimate beneficiary of Randal's dedication to excellence in all of his endeavors.

Sincerely,

Kay M. Mukaigawa (R)
President

Board of Electricians and Plumbers Confirmation Process Preliminary Questions

1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers?

- I would like the opportunity to offer the community the benefit of my 30+ years of knowledge and experience in the plumbing industry.

2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers?

- The primary duty of a board member should be to protect and assure public safety by maintaining the integrity of the industry.

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.

- I have been a PAMCA UA Local 675 union member since 1974 and a licensed plumber since 1979. This industry has exposed me to many emergency situations in dealing with both the commercial and the residential community that required problem-solving and effective decision making. I believe I am strong at assessing situations and working with others to resolve problems by thinking "out of the box". I expect my employees to provide quality service and treat all others with respect and hold myself to the same standards both in my personal and professional life.

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

- I would hope to be able to maintain the integrity of the industry by having an open mind to positive changes while upholding the high standards of the industry.

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

- Hard working
- High standards and expectations of quality and integrity
- Technical ability and vision

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

- Working with apprentices and training within our company
- Watching our employees develop and eventually preparing them for their journeyman license

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?

- No, I do not foresee conflicts of interest during my service. However, if any should arise, I would have no problem exposing such conflict and recusing myself from this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Randal M. Hiraki