

GOV. MSG. NO. 604

**Board of Professional Engineers,
Architects, Surveyors, and
Landscape Architects**

Effective Date: Reappointment

Expiration Date: 6/30/2016

Representing: Surveyor/O'ahu

Department: DCCA

Term Limit: N/A

Hirota, Dan

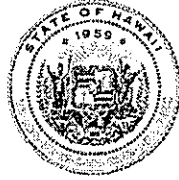
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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 604.

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

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 604, regarding the **reappointment** of Dan Hirota to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Hirota's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Hirota has served on the Board since July 2008, and is being reappointed as a land surveyor member until June 30, 2016. He has attended 48 of 56 meetings.

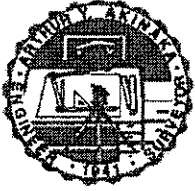
Mr. Hirota is a valuable member of the Board, contributes to the breadth of information and shares insights that the Board has found useful when making its

decisions. On many occasions, the Board has called upon Mr. Hirota to assess an issue, articulate the finer points and make recommendations.

Moreover, Mr. Hirota was very instrumental in updating the definition of a land surveyor at last year's legislative session as he was the primary representative of the Board in working with the Hawaii Land Surveyor Association, the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, and the Attorney General's Office in finalizing the language on the legislation that passed.

We believe that Mr. Hirota's interest in serving on the Board, experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Dan Hirota's reappointment to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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February 28, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee, Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
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Subject: Confirmation of Appointment of Dan H. Hirota, P.E., L.P.L.S.
to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors & Landscape Architects
GM 604, Public Hearing on March 1, 2013, 9:00 am, Room 229

Dear Chair Baker and Vice-Chair Galuteria,

I am pleased to support Dan H. Hirota's confirmation of appointment to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

I have known and worked with Dan Hirota throughout his career as a fellow engineer. We have worked together on numerous projects. I have been impressed with his professionalism, technical expertise and a personal commitment to a successful project. Dan and his Sam O. Hirota, Inc. has a great reputation as a civil engineering and land surveying firm and its technical firm expertise. Also, Dan has been most active in support of his fellow land surveyors through the Hawaii Association of Land Surveyors.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend that your committee approve Dan's nomination. I am confident that Dan will continue to serve on the board with great distinction.

Sincerely,

Robert Y. Akinaka, P.E.
Chairman

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H Baker, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee
on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: Support of Measure GM604, the nomination of Dan Hirota to the Board of Engineers,
Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Term to expire 30-JUN-2016.

Aloha Senator Baker,

I am in support of the nomination of Dan Hirota to the Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Dan has completed one four (4) year term as a surveyor member and is currently being held over in this position. He was instrumental in authoring the changes made to the definition of Land Surveying, HRS, Chapter 464, 464-1, Definitions, Land Surveying, that passed last year. He attended all of the House and Senate hearings, providing testimony and representing the Board. Dan continues to serve on the EASLA Board's Rules Committee along with his regular duties as one of the Surveyor Members.

He has been and continues to be an asset to the Board. It is Dan's knowledge of surveying and his willingness to work with others that make him the right person for this position on the EASLA Board.

Mahalo,

Paul H Murray, LPLS
Licensed Professional Land Surveyor
Surveyor Member, Board of Engineers, Architects,
Surveyors & Landscape Architects

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

GM604

EASLA Professional Licensing Board

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAN HIROTA, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

I am submitting Testimony in favor of the appointment of Dan Hirota, CE, LPLS to the EASLA Board for the upcoming term. Mr. Hirota has served the surveying community tirelessly through the years in various capacities. He has held board positions on the Hawaii Land Surveyors Association, culminating with his term as board President in 2008. I served on the HLSA board during his term as President and witnessed firsthand Dan's commitment to professionalism and his ability to address current issues with strong but open-minded opinions. During his tenure the HLSA actively followed the changing Shoreline Certification issues, 'Pin Finding' situations, and the legal definition and purvey of 'Land Surveyor' in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Hirota has also demonstrated his strong commitment to education by taking a lead role in organizing the HLSA annual conference for many years, as well as promoting a variety of educational workshops. He brings the combined perspective of a small business owner, a worker, and a licensed professional. In past years Dan has been pivotal in promoting the HLSA Charity Golf Tournament, which both raises the visibility of the profession and shows a commitment to the greater community of Hawaii.

Thank you for considering Mr. Hirota.

Sincerely

Joanne Williamson, LPLS

Certificate No. 10555

THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

February 26, 2013

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 604
Relating to the appointment of Dan Hirota
to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

March 1, 2013 9:00 am
Conference Room 229
submitted by
Joe Blanco

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I write in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Dan Hirota to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Dan and I have known each other professionally for well over a decade. Since the firm's founding in 1963, Sam O. Hirota, Inc., Dan's three-generation survey and engineering family business, continues to pioneer the local deployment of the most sophisticated three-dimensional laser scanners, photogrammetric instruments, and GIS software used today.

Dan's formal engineering training and experience, his stellar record of community service, his reputation for fairness, openness, and balance, and his past experience and contribution to the Board, makes him an ideal nominee for reappointed to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Towards that end, I respectfully urge the Committee to advise and consent to Mr. Hirota's nomination to serve on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, I am confident Dan will continue to serve Hawaii and the Board with great honor and distinction.

February 26, 2013

The Senate
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
State Capitol Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

RE: GM604 the Board of Engineers Architects Surveyors and Landscape
Architects, Appointment of Dan Hirota

Dear Senator Baker,
Please accept my testimony in support of Dan Hirota to a second term on the
Engineers Architects Surveyors and Landscape Architects (EASLA) board.

I have known Mr. Hirota for over twenty years now both professionally and
personally. I've always found him to be of the highest character and moral fiber.
He filled his first term diligently, keeping the best interest of the public and our
profession first and foremost.

I believe Mr. Hirota's decisions are thoughtful, measured and sound. I believe he
is the perfect candidate for a second term.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, I make
myself available at 591-8116 x216 or email kendall@esh-inc.com. I will also
appear if it pleases the committee, with advanced notice.

Me Ke Alpha Pumehana (with warm regards),



Kendall Hee,
Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, Certificate Number 5649
Licensed Professional Civil Engineer, Certificate Number 6176

TESTIMONY OF BRIAN KAU
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

March 1, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 604

RE: Dan Hirota for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 604 regarding the consideration of Dan Hirota for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. I strongly support his nomination for confirmation.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Dan for several years on various capital improvement projects that his firm has completed for the Department of Agriculture. He has continuously proven to be a person of high moral value and strong integrity. He has also shown himself to be conscientious and generous with his time, and maintains strong family values. Dan constantly strives to remain on the cutting edge of technological advances in the civil engineering and land surveying professions and conveys this knowledge by providing cost effective and timely design solutions. I have no doubt that Dan will be a valued member of this Board.

February 6, 2013

Dan H. Hirota, PE, LPLS

Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects
Surveying Board Member
Governor's Message 604

Senator Baker,

As the third generation of my family to practice as a licensed Civil Engineer, Land Surveyor and Land Court Surveyor in the State of Hawaii, my grandfather, Sam O. Hirota, and father, Dennis I. Hirota, have always stressed the importance of professional registration in the practice of civil engineering and land surveying. I wish to continue to support the professional registration process here in Hawaii through the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (EASLA) as a re-appointed member of the Board. I am currently ending a one year holdover position after finishing my 4 year appointed term in 2012 as a Surveyor member of EASLA.

I believe that the primary function of EASLA is to help protect the life, health, and property of the public when professional services are required. EASLA accomplishes this by reviewing the rules which define the branches of engineering, architecture, surveying and landscape architecture in which licensure shall be offered, clarifying the qualifications needed for licensure and setting forth practice requirements.

As a standing surveyor member of the EASLA Board and a member of the Rules Committee, I have met the qualifications to serve another term on the Board by having more than 16 years of work experience as a land surveyor and engineer in the State of Hawaii. Having also been active in the Hawaii Land Surveyors Association, including a past presidency, I have a good understanding of the practice of land surveying in Hawaii and have regular communication with many other land surveyors and engineers in the State. I was also instrumental in helping to draft and testify for the revised definition of land surveyor which was approved through legislation in 2012.

During my past five years as a surveyor on the EASLA Board, I felt I was a productive member due to my honesty and integrity as well as my background knowledge in both engineering and surveying. I am confident that if appointed for another term, I will continue to do so.

I look forward to facing any challenge ahead including working with the surveying community on possibly implementing continuing education for surveyors. I feel that my background, personality, education, work experience and EASLA board experience will provide me with the needed tools to be a positive member of the board. I ask you for your support in my nomination.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Hirota', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Hirota, PE, LPLS