

GOV. MSG. NO. 605

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

Effective Date: Reappointment

Expiration Date: 6/30/2015

Representing: Architect

Department: DCCA

Term Limit: N/A

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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. 605.**

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. 605, regarding the **reappointment** of Roberto Yumol to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Yumol's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Yumol has served on the Board since July 2007, and is being reappointed as an architect member until June 30, 2015. He has attended 63 of 68 meetings.

Mr. Yumol is a dedicated member, volunteers to serve on committees and represents the Board at most of the regional and national meetings. He has a great

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desire to serve and contribute to the community, and with the expertise he has gained over 25 years of practicing as an architect, he is a valuable asset to the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Roberto Yumol'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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Ms. Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection (CPN)  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

I am pleased to learn that Roberto (Bert) B. Yumol, AIA, of home address 453-C Mananai Place in Honolulu, Hawaii has been nominated for reappointment to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects in the State of Hawaii. I consider it to be a privilege to be asked to submit this Letter of Recommendation on his behalf.

I have known the Applicant for over 30 years since we were both progressing in our career development as an Architect and Electrical Engineer, respectively. Bert was employed by Architects Hawaii, Ltd. when I first met him, but he has also been employed by several other well-known local architectural firms, such as AM Partners, Inc. and Group 70 International. The Applicant now works independently as a Private Practice Architect running his own firm.

As a registered professional architect for the past 25 years in the State of Hawaii, I believe that the Applicant is well qualified to sit on the Board. In addition to his professional qualifications, the Applicant has also personally demonstrated honesty, integrity, professional conduct, and a concern for the welfare of his projects and the public. I believe that the Applicant would be a valuable contributor to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects in its critical function in protecting the public.

Truly yours,

ECS, Inc.

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN)  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Recommendation for Roberto B. Yumol (GM Number 605)

Dear Senator Baker:

I have known Bert Yumol professionally for 21 years and feel that as a practicing structural engineer for the last thirty-eight years and a branch director for a national consulting engineering firm for the past thirty-two years, I have developed a good feel for people.

I believe that Mr. Yumol will bring the knowledge, experience and professionalism that I have experienced on the projects we have jointly participated in to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,



Michael K. Kawharada, P.E.  
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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and  
Consumer Protection (CPN)  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
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Subject: Recommendation for Roberto B. Yumol, (GM Number 605)

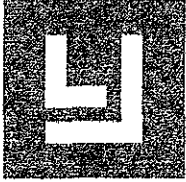
Dear Senator Baker:

I have known Roberto (Bert) for the last 10 years. Working with him for 10 years on various projects such as Moana Pacific Condominium and the Pacific Aviation Museum he has shown me that he is a person of outstanding character and an Architect that knows his profession.

I recommend that he be confirmed with the utmost speed. I know and have all the confidence that he will serve the Board well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Subject: Recommendation for Roberto B. Yumol (GM Number 605)

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing in regard to Roberto Yumol's pending reappointment to the State EASLA Board. I have known Roberto for at least 30 years and his son R.J. was a classmate of my daughter Suling at Punahou School for many years.

I am familiar with Mr. Roberto Yumol's professional career as an architect and I, still active as a structural engineer in my 60th year of private practice, feel qualified to recommend Mr. Yumol's reappointment to the EASLA Board. Mr. Yumol has a wealth of experience in architecture, and with his good judgment, he will provide continuing service to the Board and make significant contributions to the benefit of our community.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my judgment and opinion.

Truly yours,

Dr. Alfred A Yee

Dear Senator Baker,

My name is Branka Knezevic and I am an architect based in Los Angeles, California where I work for a global design-build company and head my own private design studio.

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Roberto Yumol for his second term serving on the Hawaii State Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (EASLA). I have known Bert since 2006 when I was working at Group 70 International as a recent architecture graduate and designer. Since 2006 I became a licensed architect in Hawaii, California, and Washington, have earned my NCARB certificate and moved on to head the design department of a global design-build firm based in Los Angeles as well as lead my own private design studio and consultancy. Throughout this time I have come to know Bert as both a colleague and mentor as well as close personal friend. As such Bert has been instrumental in my professional development and personal growth over the years. His advice, encouragement and experience which he shared with me and many of my peers have had an enormous impact on my career and overall outlook on the profession of architecture and the construction industry in general. I can't say enough about how his advice has helped me in very critical points of my career.

I would also like to point to how Bert has invested so much of his personal time and resources to helping me and many other young professionals in achieving their career potentials. He has done this through sharing his personal library of professional literature, spending countless hours advising and encouraging architects to advance their careers either through completing the Intern Development Program or the Architecture Registration Exams, and offering information and resources to achieve their professional goals. Bert has also contributed to the University of Hawaii academic program by serving as guest lecturer and panel speaker and by recruiting other accomplished architects in the community to do the same. As an active member of the Hawaii State Board of EASLA and NCARB Member Board Member, Bert is constantly sharing the latest relevant developments and regulation updates in the profession.

In summary, I strongly support Bert's nomination for the second term serving on the State Board of EASLA. His wealth of experience, leadership and community involvement make him the perfect architect member of the Board.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Sincerely,

Branka Knezevic

PRESENTATION OF  
BESSIE JOY TEH LIMPE

TO THE SENATE  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE (CPN)

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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (GM) 605**  
**Nomination of Roberto B. Yumol**  
**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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

My name is Bessie Joy Teh Limpe and I appreciate the opportunity to present a testimony in strong support of Roberto B. Yumol's nomination to continue serving as a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Since 2007, Roberto Yumol has demonstrated to be an asset and a positive member of the board. I, therefore, urge you to favorably consider his nomination for another term as a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Thank you.

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**R B YUMOL ARCHITECT**  
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**TESTIMONY OF ROBERTO B . YUMOL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (CPN)- FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

**GM 605**

First, I would like to thank you Madame Chair Baker and members of the Committee for the opportunity to appear before you soon. Second, I would like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for re-nominating me. I sincerely hope that this re-nomination validates the exemplary service I have provided to the Board in my first term. If confirmed, I would endeavor to continue the initiatives I have started as a member of the Board on the local level (EASLA) as well as my active participation on the national level (NCARB).

I am very proud of my 35 years of experience in the field of architecture working in all aspects and phases of the discipline including mentoring. It has exposed me to real-life discipline-related issues, the very same issues the Board faces in our meetings. My experience has given me the knowledge, confidence and comfort in sharing my ideas and collaborating with the other Board members during our discussions and deliberations which help lead us to come up with the best recommendations and resolutions of said issues. If confirmed, I will continue my active participation with the same commitment and fervor I have demonstrated during my first term.

One specific goal I want to accomplish in this term, if given the opportunity to serve again, is to assist the Board in developing simple and practical methodologies that would help the staff in handling and processing Board related procedural matters. This goal when accomplished will support the vision I have of the EASLA Board as that of an entity that provides quality service to the public when it comes to addressing its safety, health and welfare.

Again, I would like to thank you and your committee for this opportunity and for your kind consideration of my nomination.