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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 760.**

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

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 760, regarding the appointment of Richard Suzuki, to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Suzuki's appointment to the Commission.

Mr. Suzuki is being nominated to the Commission as a licensed member. He has been licensed in Hawaii as a civil engineer since 1969. His license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Suzuki has more than 40 years of experience in the industry. He has worked in the private sector and for the Department of Accounting and General Services and the City and County of Honolulu.

He has served once before on the Board and will make a welcome addition to the team. Mr. Suzuki fills a need of a civil engineer on the Board. He understands the process. He is also prepared to commit his time to the issues the Board faces.

Mr. Suzuki has remained active in local and national associations in an effort to raise industry standards and improve the quality of the profession. He said he has high hopes to make improvements in the way civil engineers are licensed in the state to their areas of expertise.

The Department supports the confirmation of Richard Suzuki to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 11, 2013

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair  
Senate Committee for Commerce,  
Consumer Protection and Housing  
State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator,

I am a retired professional engineer who is writing to you as a personal friend and working engineer associate of Mr. Richard M. Suzuki, PE. Mr. Suzuki is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie as a professional engineer member to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (EASLA Bd).

I have known Mr. Suzuki from 1964 as a fellow employee of the State Dept of Transportation. And continued contact later as employees of County governments in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's.

After retirement, I again associated with Mr. Suzuki as we both served as members on the EASLA Bd.

Thru all these years, Mr. Suzuki has shown me to be a person of high integrity and is the most knowledgeable Hydraulics Engineer that I know. During our tenure on the EASLA Bd, I noticed Mr. Suzuki's dedication, involvement, and the extra time he spent to meet the needs of the Board's responsibilities in granting professional licenses.

I know that the EASLA Bd will truly benefit from his dedicated service and I fully support and recommend his appointment to the board.

Sincerely,

  
Richard Y Mitsumori

I am both pleased and honored to be asked by my longtime and very good friend, Richard, to the Board.

I have known Richard for at least 60 years, and our close friendship for such a long period of time is a testament to the special type of person he is. He is most qualified to serve, as he is renown for his knowledge and skills as a truly competent engineer. He developed this reputation through his fine work in both the public and private sectors. He is well-respected by his peers, such that he was eagerly sought after as a leader in the profession and as an expert witness in his particular areas of expertise. He is highly ethical and carries out his public work with the best interest of the public in mind.

Thus, I have no hesitation in recommending Richard to the board. Please feel free to email me (I am now on a long trip) if you have any questions.

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## **RICHARD M. SUZUKI, P.E.**

April 3, 2013

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair  
Senate Committee for Commerce,  
Consumer Protection and Housing  
State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Appointment of Richard M. Suzuki  
Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and  
Landscape Architects

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my interest to serve on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. After graduating from McKinley High School, I attended the University of Hawaii and received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

Since then, I have worked in the private and public sectors as a Civil Engineer. Throughout my more than forty eight years of professional experience, I have gained expertise in infrastructure design, hydrology and hydraulics.

I previously served on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I believe I was a valuable contributor to the Board and look forward to continuing my participation.

Serving on the Board had provided me with the opportunity to help maintain the high standards of professional expertise our community expects from our professional field to further foster public safety by safeguarding life, health and property.

I am also still active with the national organization (National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors), and have participated on the Exam Audit, Examination Policy and Procedures and Examination Committees.

Thank you for your consideration on my appointment to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects to serve the people of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,



Richard M. Suzuki, P.E.