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Contractors License Board

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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, April 10, 2013
~ 9:30 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 763.

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. 763, regarding the appointment of Les Bothelo, to the Contractor's Licensing Board (Board). The Department supports the confirmation of Bothelo's appointment to the Commission.

Mr. Bothelo is being nominated to the Commission as a public member. He has 40 years of experience in a variety of construction and construction-related positions. He has worked in positions that required welding, fabricating and drafting, as well as

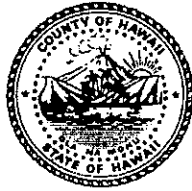
management positions. He worked for the County of Hawaii's Department of Public Works in the administration of the Solid Waste Division, the Construction Department and the Road Department. Mr. Bothelo also understands the challenges that companies face in the private sector as he has owned his own trucking company.

Mr. Bothelo understands the time commitment that comes with this position of importance. He is retired and believes it is his opportunity to help the public.

Mr. Bothelo sees that he will be able to help tackle the issues that come before the Board. He believes it is a great chance for him to address the growing problem of unlicensed contractors taking advantage of consumers on Hawaii Island and across the state.

The Department supports the confirmation of Les Bothelo to the Contractors Licensing Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 8, 2013

Honorable Roselyn Baker, Chair
Honorable Brickwood T. Galuteria, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Senate Members:

RE: **Les Botelho**
Nominee to Contractor's License Board
GM763

This letter is submitted in support of the nomination of Les Botelho to the Contractor's License Board for the State of Hawai'i.

I have known Les for over 20 years as a family friend, fellow County employee, and the father of my private secretary. Les best represents what "Big Island Aloha" is all about. He is a friend in the truest sense; he is *always* there to selflessly give of himself, his time and his talents to anyone who needs help.

Les is very industrious. He has worked very hard in both full-time and part-time employment to provide well for his family. He is one of the most humble men I know, and has raised his daughters to have an excellent work ethic.

Les possesses the highest level of integrity. He is a perfect fit for the Contractor's License Board. To Les, "right is right, and wrong is wrong"; this is how he has lived his life and he demands the same of others.

I would unqualifiedly recommend the confirmation of Les Botelho to the Contractor's License Board. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

Apr 8 2013 8:13 AM

LINCOLN S. T. ASHIDA
Corporation Counsel

April 8, 2013

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hearing on Governor's Message 763 scheduled for April 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m Conf. Room 229
Nomination of Les Botelho to the Contractors License Board

sent via email to CPNTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and members of the committee:

Please allow this letter to express my full and strong support for Mr. Les Botelho to the Contractors License Board.

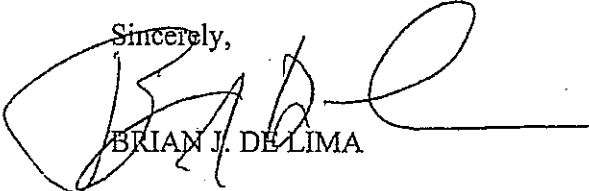
I have known Les for nearly three decades and he has always been a hardworking individual who is concerned about his community. He is family oriented and is someone that many go to for advice and counsel because of his strong family values.

When employed with the County of Hawaii, he was well liked by his co-workers, supervisors and was a "go to" person for difficult problems.

He has an outstanding reputation of being fair and honest. I know that he will be dedicated to his public service and will serve the community with integrity.

I fully support his nomination and urge his confirmation.

Sincerely,



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April 8, 2013

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Testimony GM 763

Honorable chairman Baker and Committee Members:

Aloha. I am submitting testimony in support of the confirmation of Leslie Botelho, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Contractor's License Board.

I have known Mr. Botelho for a few years. We have been involved and have worked together on a number of community projects. He is an upstanding man who is very connected to the community. He has a keen sense of doing what is right. On projects we worked on, he exemplified his sincerity and caring in community service. I am confident he will bring that same sincerity, commitment and dedication to serving on the Contractor's License Board.

Mr. Botelho brings with him a wealth of knowledge in the construction industry. He will be able to call upon his personal experiences and will know where to obtain additional information in order to make fair and intelligent decisions.

I urge you to confirm Leslie Botelho to the Contractor's License Board.

Mahalo and Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ernest Matsumura

TESTIMONY OF LESLIE A. BOTELHO
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAII LICENSE BOARD
ON APRIL 10, 2103; 9:30 A.M.

GM 763

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractor's License Board, for Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE A. BOTELHO, for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Chair Roselyn Baker and Vice Chair Brickwood T. Galuteria; and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to appear before you today.

I would like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I truly consider this opportunity to be an honor for me to be able to serve the community that I am a resident of, as being part of the Contractor's License Board.

I would also like to extend a warm mahalo to everyone who has submitted letters of support on my behalf and to everyone here in attendance, lending me their support and aloha.

I am a lifetime resident of the island of Hawai'i and have a genuine interest in construction in the State of Hawai'i. I am not personally affiliated with any construction company or those who are licensed; therefore I feel that I will bring with me a neutral point of view to the Contractor's License Board. I am interested in the Contractor's License Board to represent the Big Island of Hawai'i for the position of Hawaii Non-Contractor. I am not a Licensed Contractor; however I have a good understanding of the nature of construction due to my past employment history, and the obstacles it may have. I feel that I will be able to fairly assist with establishing rules and with disciplinary actions for Licensed Contractors should the need arise.

In closing I would like to thank this committee for the hard work you do for the State of Hawaii and for giving me the opportunity to be here today. Thank you for considering my nomination.

At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

LESLIE A. BOTELHO
Nominee-Applicant