

GM792

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, CRAIG TAKAMINE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government
Operations, and Housing**

Monday, April 8, 2013

5 pm

State Capitol - Conference Room 016

**Topic: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 792, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
CRAIG TAKAMINE, SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW
BOARD**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and members of the Committee:

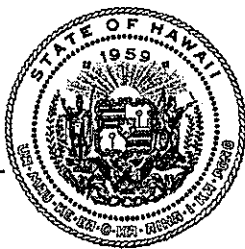
My name is Craig Takamine and I am the President of Takamine Construction, Inc., a general contracting company which currently employs 16 full time workers. I started doing business in 2003 with 2 employees, minimal working capital and the will to succeed. This year marks our company's 10th year in business. We have successfully navigated through one of the worst economic depressions in our nation's history. As you are well aware, it hit the construction industry extremely hard. Through the turmoil, we were able to grow our business through increased efficiencies.

I believe that I can be an asset to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board because of the challenges that small business owners face on a daily basis. My parents, my brother and my brother-in law all own small businesses on Hawaii Island and on Oahu. I understand how government works and I feel obligated to do my part to fight for those individuals who sacrifice so much to better the lives of their families and their employees.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or need any more information please do not hesitate to call me at (808) 989-8044.

Sincerely,

Craig S. Takamine



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Statement of
RICHARD C. LIM
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before the
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
HOUSING**
Monday, April 8, 2013
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

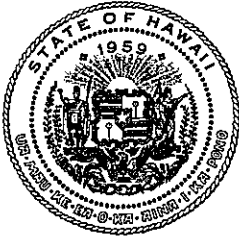
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GM 792
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL BUSINESS
REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CRAIG TAKAMINE, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2016**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Craig Takamine to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

A resident of the Island of Hawaii, Mr. Takamine has been president of Takamine Construction, Inc., a general contracting and construction company, for nearly ten years. Prior to this, he was the owner/manager of Takamine Construction, LLC, and a foreman for G. Kobayashi Builders and R. Kan Contracting, LLC. He presently serves on several boards, including Easter Seals Hawaii, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii. In addition, he is president of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association, and director of Kaneohehula Industrial Area Association and the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce.

With a strong presence on the Island of Hawaii and commitment to the business community, DBEDT is confident that Mr. Takamine will be a valuable asset to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Takamine.



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TO: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and
Members of the Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing

FROM: Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Temporary Chair
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: April 8, 2013

SUBJECT: GM 792 Craig Takamine - Support

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Craig Takamine to serve as a member of this Board.

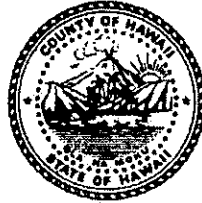
Mr. Takamine has been the president of Takamine Construction, Inc., a general contracting and construction company based on the Island of Hawaii since 2005; for two years prior, he operated Takamine Construction, LLC. He also worked as a foreman with G. Kobayashi Builders and R. Kan Contracting, LLC from 1997 to 2003. He currently serves on several boards and is president of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association, and director of Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association and the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Takamine was born and raised in Hilo, and graduated from Hawaii Community College in 1995 where he was on the Dean's list and received the Golden Hammer Award in Carpentry. Although this Board has not yet had the opportunity and privilege of meeting Mr. Takamine, he comes highly regarded and recommended to serve on this Board by a prior member, Mr. David S. De Luz, Jr., a well-respected businessman also from the Island of Hawaii, and by Senate President Donna M. Kim and Mayor Billy Kenoi, County of Hawaii.

In addition to adding an eighth member to this nine-member board, which will help ease quorum requirements, Mr. Takamine's nomination will also satisfy the Board's statute, which requires at least one representative from each county.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Takamine's nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



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April 3, 2013

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations
and Housing
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for an outstanding business leader and personal friend, Craig S. Takamine, who is being considered for appointment to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

A skilled and energetic entrepreneur who understands the daily challenges faced by small businesses, Mr. Takamine founded Takamine Construction, a company that has built a reputation during the past 10 years for excellence and commitment to our community. Mr. Takamine also comes from a family of entrepreneurs; his parents and brother own and operate small businesses both in Hawai'i County and Honolulu.

Mr. Takamine is passionate about serving his community and will provide representation that is fair, unbiased and in touch with a wide array of issues which affect small businesses. He understands the governmental process, displays integrity and moral character and I am proud to call him a friend.

Please strongly consider his appointment to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Should you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to call me.

Mahalo

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR



Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce

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April 4, 2013

Submitted On-Line at <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx>

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 308
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Support for Craig S. Takamine's Appointment to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee:

My name is Vaughn Cook and I am the President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber"). With more than 230 member businesses and over 550 member representatives, the Chamber serves as an important voice of business in Hawaii.

I am writing to express my strong support for Craig S. Takamine's appointment to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Takamine exemplifies the American Dream. A local boy and fellow graduate of Waiakea High School, he has built a thriving construction business that meets the needs of his customers, provides a livelihood for his workers and benefits the community through its contributions to the locally owned and operated business base.

I have been privileged to personally work with Mr. Takamine and can testify to his genuine interest in the community's welfare. As president of the Contractor's Association, Mr. Takamine has volunteered countless hours educating the community and businesses on issues that affect everyone. As one



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example, we worked together on setting up a Mayoral candidate forum to educate the public about important issues facing Hawaii County.

On a personal note, I believe Mr. Takamine to be a person of integrity who genuinely cares about others. He not only cares, he acts by volunteering his time to help various nonprofit organizations. He may be young, but he brings wisdom gained from working with and volunteering to make our community a better place to work and live.

Please support Mr. Takamine's appointment to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Very Truly Yours

Vaughn G. T. Cook
President

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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations, and Housing

Monday, April 8, 2013

2:45 pm

State Capitol - Conference Room 016

**SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 792, GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE
CRAIG TAKAMINE, SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY
REVIEW BOARD**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Director of Government Relations for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the voice of the construction industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-HAWAII strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Craig Takamine as the Hawaii Island Representative to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Takamine is well qualified for the position as he has direct knowledge and experience of starting and growing his own contracting business. Mr. Takamine built Takamine Construction, Inc., from the ground up, starting with no office and two employees, to 14 employees and numerous construction contracts.

We believe Mr. Takamine is more than well-suited for a position on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, as he brings with him a practical and firm working understanding of business and how government rules and regulations interface and impact Hawaii's small businesses.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our strong support for this nomination.



Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

April 3, 2013

Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Governor Abercrombie:

On behalf of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai'i, we strongly encourage your support of Mr. Craig S. Takamine to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Takamine is a very well respected member of the business community and brings an objective, knowledge-based perspective to the board and its work. He is the founder of Takamine Construction; a small business company which has served the Big Island community for the past 10 years.

As a small business owner, he understands the many challenges that business owners face on a daily basis and has displayed a high level of integrity in dealing with chamber as well as many other organizations on our island.

Please consider his appointment to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Sincerely,

Jon J. Arizumi
President
Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai'i

Dane Wicker

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Submitted on: 4/7/2013

Testimony for EGH on Apr 8, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerel Yamamoto	Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association (KIAA), as President, our association strongly supports and wholeheartedly endorses the nomination of Criag Takamine to the Small Business Regulatory Board. Our association which is composed of over 200 small businesses in Hilo believes that Craig will bring a commonsense approach to address issues that are confronting small businesses. He will be a tremendous asset to this board, if confirmed. Craig has been a board member of KIAA for over five years and has been an invaluable contributor to help address issues that are confronting our association members. Our board strongly supports Craig's nomination and ask that the Senate confirm his nomination.

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations, and Housing
Monday, April 8, 2013
2:45 pm
State Capitol - Conference Room 016**

**SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 792, GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE CRAIG TAKAMINE,
SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and members of the Committee:

AMV Air Conditioning Inc. strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Craig Takamine as the Hawaii Island Representative to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Takamine is well qualified for the position as he has direct knowledge and experience of starting and growing his own contracting business. Mr. Takamine built Takamine Construction, Inc., from the ground up, starting with no office and two employees, to 14 employees and numerous construction contracts.

We believe Mr. Takamine is more than well-suited for a position on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, as he brings with him a practical and firm working understanding of business and how government rules and regulations interface and impact Hawaii's small businesses.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our strong support for this nomination.

Respectfully,

Aldrin M. Villahermosa, President and RME
AMV Air Conditioning Inc.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
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April 5, 2013

To: The Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government
Operations and Housing

From: Representative Mark M. Nakashima

Re: **Testimony in Support of Mr. Craig S. Takamine (GM 792)**
Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Hearing: Monday, April 8, 2013, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 16, State Capitol

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Craig Takamine to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Craig Takamine is a general contractor and President of Takamine Construction, a full service general contracting company serving the entire Island of Hawaii. With the vision of creating a quality construction business that helped strengthen the Big Island community, company is celebrating its 10th year in business this year. Through his direct experience and learnings from his parents and brother who also own small businesses, Mr. Takamine was able to successfully lead the company through the economic depression.

Mr. Takamine also currently serves as President of Hawaii Island Contractors Association (HICA), whose members include general contractors as well as equipment and material suppliers. Associate members are accountants, insurance carriers, financial institutions and utility companies. The HICA provides legislative advocacy, industry support and education to members, scholarships, and opportunities for growth in the State of Hawaii and Hawaii Island.

Since 2009, Takamine Construction employees and their families raise funds by participating in the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Hilo. Mr. Takamine also marshaled his employees to donate their time and materials to help build the Panaewa Zoo Playground. He

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gave all the credit to his employees and partner companies for the accomplishing the task, due to their commitment to supporting the community.

In 2012, Mr. Takamine was named to the Pacific Century Fellows program, which has the objective of developing leaders with a great awareness and sensitivity to the people and institutions of Hawaii.

Mr. Takamine has demonstrated through his business acumen and caring about the community that he would well serve all small businesses of Hawaii Island. The continued growth of his business in a down construction cycle is validation of his vision and commitment to high quality work and valuing relationships.

I urge you to confirm the appointment of Mr. Craig Takamine to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board where he will make positive contributions to Hawaii Island and the entire State.

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Dear Committee Members,

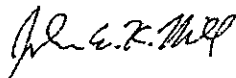
Support for Craig Takamine Appointment

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of my friend and colleague, Craig S. Takamine to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

I have known Mr. Takamine for several years, have worked with him in many capacities, and now him to be unwaveringly committed to his family and community. He brings energy, intelligence and sincerity to any situation he is put in, and possess an integrity that is rare.

I strongly urge the committee to approve the appointment of Mr. Takamine.

Mahalo,



John E.K. Dill
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Dane Wicker

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerel I. Yamamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of Craig Takamine's nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. As a general contractor who has been in business for the past 10 years running his own construction company, Craig is familiar with the challenges of small businesses and confronts those challenges daily. Craig will be an asset to the board. He is active in our community and serves on numerous boards and associations which address the needs of the Hilo community. He will be bring a common sense voice to the board. I strongly recommend that the Senate confirm Mr. Takamine.

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Dane Wicker

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Submitted on: 4/4/2013

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Tadd Rienstra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations, and Housing Monday, April 8, 2013 2:45 pm State Capitol - Conference Room 016
SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 792, GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE CRAIG TAKAMINE, SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Slom, and members of the Committee: TJR Works! LLC strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Craig Takamine as the Hawaii Island Representative to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Mr. Takamine is well qualified for the position as he has direct knowledge and experience of starting and growing his own contracting business. Mr. Takamine built Takamine Construction, Inc., from the ground up, starting with no office and two employees, to 14 employees and numerous construction contracts. We believe Mr. Takamine is more than well-suited for a position on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, as he brings with him a practical and firm working understanding of business and how government rules and regulations interface and impact Hawaii's small businesses. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our strong support for this nomination.

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April 4, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing
415 South Beretania Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 792
Confirmation of Craig S. Takamine to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members,

I am writing in support for an outstanding business and community leader, Craig S. Takamine, who is being considered for appointment to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Takamine is an energetic entrepreneur who understands the daily challenges faced by small businesses. He founded Takamine Construction, Inc., a company that has built a reputation during the past 10 years for excellence and a commitment to our community. He is passionate about serving his community and will provide fair and unbiased representation on issues which affect small businesses. He understands the governmental process, and displays integrity and moral character. I am proud to call him a friend.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Craig S. Takamine's confirmation to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at (808) 987-9583 or email at barry_taniguchi@ktasuperstores.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry K. Taniguchi', written in a cursive style.

President



April 4, 2013

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing
415 South Beretania Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: GM 792 Confirmation of Craig S. Takamine to the Small Business Regulatory
Review Board**

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong encouragement to you to appoint Craig Takamine to the Small Business Review Board. In late 2012, our company, W. H. Shipman, Limited contracted with Craig's construction company to build a structure for a customer of ours in the W. H. Shipman Business Park here in Kea'au.

We could not have asked for a better job or a businessman with greater integrity than Craig. He finished the job on time and on budget. During construction he dealt with us in a highly professional manner. This was not always easy for him I am sure. Although we are a 130 year old company, this particular management team had not been involved with a build-to-suit project. We asked a lot of questions and were frequently looking over his shoulder. He took our comments well and performed beyond any reasonable expectations.

Running a small business in today's environment is by no means easy. Only the strong and only those with the highest personal integrity are surviving. Craig is among those because of he has an abundance of the characteristics required. He would serve all of Hawaii very well on this commission.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions on my recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Walter
President

YAMANAKA ENTERPRISES, INC.

April 4, 2013

Governor Neil Abercrombie
State of Hawaii
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Governor Abercrombie:

I am writing in support of Craig Takamine who is being considered for appointment to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Being a small business owner myself, and understanding the difficulties and challenges we face today I want to express my full support and confidence in Mr. Takamine for this position. He is someone I look up to and seek for guidance for a variety of reasons and based on these experiences he has shown great patience and honesty in dealing with me.

Sincerely,



Garth Yamanaka
President
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Vice-President
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April 4, 2012

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The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee:

Without any hesitation, I am extremely honored to support Craig Takamine for appointment to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board.


Owning a small construction business in Hilo, both my husband and I know the importance of having someone with firsthand experience and knowledge of our laws, taxes and our "tested" economy represent small business.

Not only have I gotten to know and respect Craig Takamine through a working relationship, I have also been blessed to serve on the Hawaii Island Contractor's Association Board with him.

Craig is a very humble, honest, intelligent, outgoing and well rounded man that has all the qualifications to be appointed to the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Craig is well respected in our community and is very capable of seeing the full picture without making impartial decisions.

I can honestly and sincerely say that if Craig Takamine is appointed to this position, he will represent small business with high integrity. Please support Craig Takamine appointment to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Sincerely,



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Comments: Please accept this letter as strong support and recommendation of Craig S. Takamine's nomination to the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board. I have known Mr. Takamine ever since he was a student at Waiakea High School in Hilo. He continued his education with the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii Community College. This visionary young man is the president of Takamine Construction, Inc., a Hilo-based construction company started in 2005, with the desire and philosophy to provide the Big Island of Hawaii with quality and enduring construction results. Starting his business with limited office space and only two employees, today Takamine Construction has 14 employees and has built over 70 homes. The company's construction activities include both residential and commercial. Takamine Construction's commitment to quality lifestyle and economic sustainability has contributed not only to his company's success, but also to the Big Island's well-being. I'm confident that Mr. Takamine's philosophy and commitment will contribute greatly as a member of the Hawaii Small Business Regulatory Review Board. If you believe as I do, I humbly request your fullest consideration of Craig Takamine's nomination.

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Comments: Craig is an experienced and successful business owner and a well respected leader in our business community. He is a natural to be on the HSBRRB and I'm confident will work hard to do the best job he can.

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