

GM 699

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANNY MATSUOKA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018 (term amended to 6-30-2017 by GM708).

Report Title: Contractors License Board

Description:

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Package:

Current Referral: CPN

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2014

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014
9:00 A.M.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 699

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 699, regarding the appointment of Danny Matsuoka to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Matsuoka's appointment to the Board as a public member for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

Mr. Matsuoka understands the role and various responsibilities of the Board, including the review and approval of new licensees, receiving and investigating complaints, and interpreting and enforcing the applicable statutory laws and



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April 9, 2014

TO: **SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**
For Hearing on Friday, April 11, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 229

RE: **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 699**
CONFIRMATION OF MR. DANNY MATSUOKA TO CLB

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members,

The **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186** represents over 3,400 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, and with Oceanic Cable. Our members include civil service employees at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, Hickam, and military installations throughout Hawaii. IBEW Local 1186 also represents over 110 signatory electrical contracting companies that perform most of the electrical work in the state.

We strongly support Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Danny Matsuoka to the State Contractors License Board. Mr. Matsuoka has gained a wide range of experience in the contracting industry in Hawaii. He has been a leader in construction management for over 30 years and possesses valuable experience earned from the field. Mr. Matsuoka has worked on a large variety of commercial, residential, and public works projects, and with numerous general contractors and subcontractors.

I have known Mr. Matsuoka for many years and know that if confirmed, he will be a fair and valuable contributor to the Contractors License Board and to the State of Hawaii. **Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM 699** and we urge your Committee to advise and consent to Mr. Danny Matsuoka's nomination for full confirmation by the Senate.

Mahalo and aloha,

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April 9, 2014

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chairperson
Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Honorable Chairperson Baker,

Re: GM 699 Appointment of Danny Matsuoka
Contractor's License Board

I would like to submit this letter of support for the appointment on Danny Matsuoka to the Contractor's Licensing Board.

I have known Danny Matsuoka all of his life, and he comes from a very well respected family in the Kona community. Danny is an outstanding asset to the Kona District. He is a hard working leader with great respect for the construction industry.

He is a very fair person, and always exercises good fair judgments.

Danny has been in the electrical field for the past 40 plus years. He is currently employed by Wasa Electric as General Branch Manager in Kona.

I strongly ask for your consideration and support on the appointment of Danny Matsuoka to the Contractor's Licensing Board.

Respectfully Submitted,


Claude S. Onizuka

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April 9, 2014

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chairperson
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Re: GM 699 Appointment of Danny T. Matsuoka
Contractors Licensing Board

Honorable Chairperson Baker:

My name is Maliaokalani Ahana Pascual and I am writing in support of the appointment of Danny Matsuoka to the Contractors Licensing Board, as I believe he is well suited for the position.

I've worked with Danny for 15 years since my employment at Wasa Electrical Services, Inc., Hawaii Island. He has vast knowledge in the construction field as his 40 years in the industry exemplifies. He started as an electrical apprentice and climbed his way to be the Hawaii Island Manager of Wasa Electrical Services, Inc. Therefore he possesses both field and administrative experience which makes him "well rounded" in all aspects of construction.

Danny is a hardworking, dedicated and committed person, passionate in all things that interest him. He is well respected in our community, amongst his peers and co-workers. He is fair and above all honest and would be an asset to the board.

In closing, I humbly ask your consideration and support in appointing Danny Matsuoka to the Contractor's Licensing Board.

Respectfully,



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**TESTIMONY
OF
DANNY T. MATSUOKA
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD
ON
APRIL 11, 2014
GM 699**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Danny T. Matsuoka, for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Chair Baker and the members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I truly consider this an honor and a privilege to be considered for the Contractors Licensing Board.

I was born and raised in Kealahou, Hawaii and now reside in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. I've been in the construction trade for 40 years. I started as an electrician apprentice and I am currently the General Manager for Wasa Electric on the Big Island. My position has exposed me to many types of construction projects, such as Resort Hotels, Hospitals, Retail Buildings, Schools, Airport, Warehouses, Residential, Wastewater & Water Systems and Infrastructure Work. I have a strong understanding of the different construction trades and their respective areas of work.

I want to help the public in Hawaii by using the knowledge that I have by viewing things with an open mind, being honest and fair in order to make the right choices.

You have my commitment that I will always have the public's best interest in mind and heart.

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.

Danny Matsuoka
Contractors License Board

- (1) **Why do you wish to be a member of the Contractors Licensing Board?**
To use the knowledge that I have, to make correct choices that will benefit the public.
- (2) **What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**
To view things with an open mind, be fair and help the public by making the right choices.
- (3) **Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.**
I have been in the construction trade for 40 years. I started as an electrician apprentice and I am currently the General Manager of Wasa Electric on the Big Island. My position has exposed me to many types of construction projects, such as Resort Hotels, Hospitals, Retail Buildings, Schools, Airport, Warehouses, Residential, Wastewater & Water Systems and Infrastructure Work. I have a strong understanding of the different construction trades and their respective areas of work.
- (4) **What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**
I want to help the public in Hawaii and also learn more of the Licensing and Construction Industry.
- (5) **Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.**
Honest, Fair and Friendly
- (6) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**
My construction experience and my willingness to do what is right.
- (7) **Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**
No I don't, I will make decisions as fair and honest as possible.