

JAMES WATARU

PROFILE

James was born in Chicago and raised in Honolulu and has always been an active participant in various organizations benefiting the communities around him. His exceptional communication skills and expertise in inter-personal relations has made him indispensable to some of the largest organizations in Hawaii.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Journeyman Plumber **1998 – Present**
State of Hawaii – Department of Accounting & General Services

Responsible for maintaining the plumbing systems in State buildings, island wide, on the island of Oahu. Jobs include, but are not limited to, maintaining, installing, and repairing plumbing fixtures, pumps and sprinkler systems as well as coordinating and supervising in-house plumbing projects and working with sub-contractors to insure that jobs are completed on time and according to local plumbing codes and job specifications. As Safety Representative, responsible for working with management to insure that the employees are provided with a safe working environment and are kept up to date with the latest safety equipment and training

Plumber’s Union Local 675 Honolulu **1989 – 1998**

Worked for Honolulu Plumbing Company, Advance Plumbing Company and R.M Nakamura Plumbing Company as an apprentice. Obtained State of Hawaii Journeyman Plumber's license in 1995. Worked on both commercial and residential projects performing a variety of tasks in the plumbing trade.

ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- State President, United Public Workers Union AFSCME Local 646 2009 – Present
- Vice President, Hawaii State Federation of the AFL-CIO 2009 – Present
- Commissioner, Honolulu Fire Commission 2009 – Present
 - Appointed by Mayor Hannemann
- Board Member, Labor Community Services Program 2009 – Present
- Board Member, Blood bank of Hawai'i 2014 – Present
- Correctional Industries Advisory Board 2011 – Present
 - Appointed by Governor Abercrombie

- President, Kaiser High School Athletic Booster Club 2005 – Present
- Hale Malama Foster Care Program 2008 – Present
 - Resource family for medically complex infants
- Department of Labor Workforce Development Council 2009 – 2011
 - Appointed by Governor Lingle
- Director/Vice President, Hawaii Foster Parents Association Board of Directors 2007 – 2010

EDUCATION

Kaiser High School, Diploma ██████████
Honolulu Community College, Plumbing Apprentice ██████████

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