

GM542

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee, BENEDICT LEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

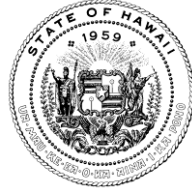
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 542**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **BENEDICT LEE**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018.

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 542, nominating Mr. Benedict Lee for membership on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

Mr. Lee has built up an extensive resume as a landscape architect, practicing for the past 35 years and as principal of Brownlie & Lee since its organization in 1988. The nominee has been involved in both private and public sector projects in Hawaii. Mr. Lee

is also registered as a landscape architect in other areas of the Pacific, including Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

In addition, Mr. Lee will be able to add to the Board's discussions from an environmental/sustainable building perspective given his work on multiple projects designed to incorporate Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles. Mr. Lee also understands his responsibility to attend and prepare for the Board's periodic meetings.

Given Mr. Lee's extensive and lengthy experience in landscape architecture, the Department believes that he is in a good position to positively contribute to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Lee's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

DANA ANNE YEE
Landscape Architect, LLC

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Chair

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 542
BENEDICT LEE

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation and positive testimony in support of Mr. Benedict Lee's confirmation to the Professional Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. I have known Ben for most of my Landscape Architectural professional career which spans over 30 years. My first Landscape Architectural job after returning to Hawai'i was at Walters, Kimura, and Associates. Ben was a kind and supportive colleague during the early years of my career.

Recently I had the pleasure of a personal tour of Ben's newest landscape architectural project. I was impressed with his work.

Ben's sense of caring for others and his approach to his work is well recognized in the community. These attributes will serve him well in his capacity as a contributing member of the EASLA Professional Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this letter of recommendation. I highly recommend Benedict Lee to the Professional Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Sincerely yours,



Dana Anne Yee, FASLA, ISA CA, LEED AP
Dana Anne Yee, Landscape Architect, LLC
Dana Anne Yee Foundation

The Senate
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hearing: Tuesday, March 01, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Testimony in Support of GM 542

Chairperson Baker, Vice Chairperson Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit this testimony letter **supporting** the nomination of Benedict Lee to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (EASLA.)

From May 2010 through December 2013, I was an employee of Brownlie & Lee, and had the opportunity to work closely with Benedict Lee. He is well versed in many aspects of the landscape architecture profession and continues to extend his knowledge by attending industry training sessions. His knowledge is a result of continuous project involvement in the private sector, City & County, State, and Federal levels.

Benedict Lee has demonstrated the success of recently completing high profile landscape architecture projects in Honolulu's urban core. He is capable of managing complex situations and arriving at sound solutions by combining over 30 years of professional practice with his certification in additional related fields such as: Arboriculture (tree management) and Sustainable Practices (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.)

I am supporting GM 542, Benedict Lee's nomination to EASLA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Michele R. Nagafuchi
Registered Landscape Architect in State of Hawaii
Member of American Society of Landscape Architects

- (1) **Why do you want to be a member of the Board?**
At this juncture in my professional life, I wish to assist others that have chosen this career path and the general public utilizing our services.
- (2) **What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**
Professional licensure of qualified applicants.
License registration maintenance of current registered professionals.
Assist public with professionalism concerns.
- (3) **In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?**
Ensure qualified professionals enter the profession of Landscape Architecture in the State of Hawaii.
- (4) **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.**
30 years' experience as a licensed Landscape Architect.
28 years' experience as a principal of Brownlie & Lee.
Professional registration in Hawaii, Guam and Northern Marianas Islands.
6 years' experience as a certified Arborist.
- (5) **What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**
Elevate public awareness/perception of the profession of Landscape Architecture.
- (6) **Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.**
Integrity: professional decision making
Perseverance: maintain Board's objectives and goals.
Compassion: strive to assist others.
- (7) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**
Being a small business owner, providing employment to individuals has been a continual satisfying experience.
- (8) **Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**
I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest with serving on the Board.