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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMMIE GARCIA-PAAHANA, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

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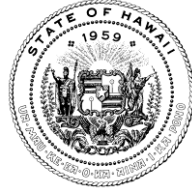
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

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

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 543**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **JAMMIE GARCIA-PAAHANA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.

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

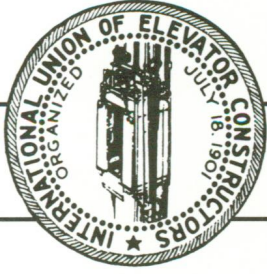
My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 543, nominating Ms. Jammie Garcia-Paahana for membership on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Ms. Garcia-Paahana has dedicated herself to work in the elevator construction industry since 2004, with experience in various roles including service and maintenance, construction, sales, and modernization. She completed five years of

training in the National Elevator Industry Program and currently works at ThyssenKrupp Elevator. In addition, Ms. Garcia-Paahana currently serves as treasurer for the International Union of Elevator Constructors Hawaii Local 126. She understands the commitment involved and her responsibility to attend and prepare for the Board's periodic meetings.

Given Ms. Garcia-Paahana's experience and dedication to the industry, the Department believes that she is in a good position to positively contribute to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Ms. Garcia-Paahana's nomination to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.



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The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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Governor's Message 543

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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair, and Esteemed Members of the Committee

I am honored to write this letter in recommendation of Jammie Garcia-Pa'ahana. I have known her since she entered the trade twelve years ago. During this time, she has exemplified and taken to heart what it means to be an Elevator Constructor.

From being a highly sought after Apprentice to becoming a Journeyperson running her own maintenance route with ThyssenKrupp Elevator, Jammie has excelled at every step and deserves all the accolades that have come her way. Not only does she have an impeccable work ethic but she is also an independent, self-directed person with excellent communication skills. I have found her to be a dependable and reliable person as well as an honest, resourceful, and open-minded individual.

Jammie is an intelligent, knowledgeable, and responsible person who always made herself available to assist the Elevator Industry in any way possible. She truly cares for the Industry and I hope you will give her serious consideration and the opportunity to serve because I have absolutely no doubt that she would be a tremendous asset to the State of Hawaii Elevator Mechanic's Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

Marc Yamane
Business Representative – Financial Secretary

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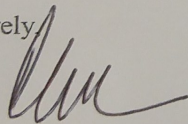
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Jammie Garcia-Paahana has been under my supervision for the past eight years in the elevator service and repair department. She is an extremely hard worker, very safety conscious, and highly organized. Her attitude is refreshing, getting along well with her colleagues.

Her attendance is above average, and I know that I can count her whenever I need a task done. Her work ethics are unquestionable. She has taken on various roles at ThyssenKrupp Elevator and always displays a sense of ownership and a high level of quality in seeing her responsibilities fulfilled.

I believe Jammie would be a valuable asset to the State of Hawaii Elevator Mechanic's Licensing Board.

Sincerely,



Chuck DeCoito
Service and Repair Operations Manager

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I would like to be a member of the Board because I believe the position would be best filled by an individual who has worked in the conveyances (elevator) trade. I have a little over 11 years of working on the field and I enjoy participating in arenas that directly affect the elevator trade.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

My understanding of the roles and responsibilities as a member of the Board is to review applications, verify that the criteria has been met, and to routinely meet with other board members to discuss issues pertaining to elevator licensing.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I feel that I can help to protect the consumer through my understanding of the safety aspects of elevators and other conveying systems. Through my experience as a licensed elevator mechanic, I have an ability to discern public physical harm in this arena.

- (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.

I believe that I am qualified for this position because I have completed the necessary curriculum in order to obtain my mechanic's license. Also, with the amount of years I have spent in the trade, I have first-hand experience on the importance of ensuring that our conveying systems are safe for public use. I also participate in on-going safety classes that are provided by my company.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to accomplish a higher level of understanding of the industry by working in the various entities that affect the trade; namely the elevator licensing

board. My firm belief is that education and experience enables a person to be an asset to his or her community.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I am detail-oriented; which allows for better accuracy and efficiency.
I am reliable; I hold myself accountable for the positions that I carry and feel a strong sense of conviction to see tasks completed at a high level of quality for all.
I am organized; I like to see things in order and working at its optimum level.
All of these qualities, I believe, are essential to being an effective Board member.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

In addition to working in the elevator trade: construction, modernization, repair, service, and sales departments; I have also been active in the community as a volunteer. I have volunteered as a guardian ad litem for abused children (CASA) for the State of Hawaii for 4 years. My willingness to work towards the safety and well-being of our community has always been appealing to me. I believe serving on the board will allow me to do this as well.

- (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?

In any branch of service, I believe the possibility of a conflict of interest always has the potential to surface. However, the conviction to uphold the safety of the public always takes precedence for me. If confronted with a conflict of interest, I will consult with fellow board members so that we may collectively resolve any issues in an appropriate and professional manner.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jammie Garcia-Paahana