

GM561

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILLIAM BOW, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

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

Governor's Message 561

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access
Board

Gubernatorial Nominee William Bow,
For a term to expire June 30, 2019

The Disability and Communication Access Board is in support of the nomination of Mr. William H.Q. Bow to our Board. The Board is a seventeen-member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers. Mr. Bow is a civil engineer and the President/Principal Engineer for Bow Engineering and Development, Inc.

Mr. Bow has already been a part of the Board since November 23, 2015, serving as an interim appointment to fill a vacancy of an architect whose term concluded. He is already participating as a member on our Standing Committee on Facility Access.

Mr. Bow has been involved in a variety of design projects and master plans that have required knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines. Mr. Bow's appointment to the Board is timely as we move toward the adoption of design guidelines in the outdoor developed area.

We welcome his participation and input, and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 23, 2016

Attn: Chair Roz Baker
Vice Chair Michelle Kidani

Re: Testimony To The Senate Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection and Health

Governor's Message 561

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability
and Communication Access Board:

Gubernatorial Nominee: William H.Q. Bow
(term to expire 6/30/2019)

Dear Ms. Baker and Ms. Kidani:

I am in support of William H.Q. Bow's nomination to
the Disability and Communication Access Board. He is a local
boy, a Kaimuki High School graduate, and he possesses a Civil
Engineering degree from the University of Hawaii.

He is a licensed Civil Engineer and is very familiar
with the building code and the Americans with Disabilities Act
(ADA) and will be an asset to the Board. He has been involved
in many design projects that provide accessibility to the
public.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have
further questions.

Very truly yours,



KENNETH K.S. LAU

GM561 – Bill Bow

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
 - a. To help the community
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
 - a. To advise on disability and communication issues that are in my area of experience.
 - b. Recommend policy and guidelines as any other Board would.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
 - a. I can offer my expertise and knowledge of the civil engineering to eliminate tripping hazards and other obstructions to accessibility.
- (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.
 - a. I am a licensed civil engineer and have been in practice for 40 years (graduating from the UH Manoa in 1976). I have designed many projects that involved ADA access; either ramps, walkways, parking.
 - b. Sample projects: DLNR Kauai Small Boat Harbors - ADA Barrier Removal at Waiakea Boat Launch, Port Allen SBH, Nawiliwili SBH, Kikiaola SBH
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - a. I have no plans or aspirations. I just will offer my expertise and opinions related to civil engineering and accessibility issues where needed.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
 - a. I'm a good listener
 - b. I have a common sense approach to issues
 - c. I can find the middle ground and get consensusAll three are essential to work well on any Team and especially on a Board.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
 - a. I have done numerous presentations to neighborhood communities to get consensus on a project. Most recently is the Manele Ferry Pier Improvements.
- (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?
 - a. I have a contract with the UH for the design of improvements to the trails at Lyon Arboretum to make them more accessible to the community. DCAB

review is required for this project. I would abstain from voting on any issues that may come up before the Board.



February 23, 2016

Attention: Chair Roz Baker and Vice Chair Michelle Kidani

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Gubernatorial Nominee William H.Q. Bow

For a term to expire June 30, 2019

I am William H.Q. Bow, and I am willing to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. I am a licensed civil engineer in the state of Hawaii and have been in practice for 40 years (graduating from the UH Manoa in 1976). I have designed many projects that involved ADA access; ramps, walkways, parking lots. Some of the example past projects were DLNR Kauai Small Boat Harbors - ADA Barrier Removal at Waiakea Boat Launch, Port Allen SBH, Nawiliwili SBH, Kikiaola SBH, and Ferry Pier Improvements at Manele SBH.

Currently, I am working on Lyon Arboretum Trail Improvements project for the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The project is intended to make the trails more accessible to the community so that more people can access the beautiful venues that the arboretum has to offer.

Very truly yours,

**BOW ENGINEERING &
DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H.Q. Bow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

William H.Q. Bow, P.E.
President