

GM707

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, And Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEN OTA, for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

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
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9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 707**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **KEN OTA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017.

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. 707, nominating Mr. Ken Ota for membership on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Mr. Ota brings with him nearly 25 years of work experience in the water supply industry and extensive ties to the Valley Isle. He is currently a board member for the Alexander & Baldwin Sugar Museum and a trustee for the Hawaii Section of the American

Water Works Association. Mr. Ota also previously served on the University of Hawaii Maui College Chancellor's Advisory Council, the Maui Contractors Association Board of Directors, and the boards for a handful of other organizations.

In addition, the nominee is familiar with the expectations and responsibilities of a Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects member as he previously served on the Board from 2002 to 2009, including as chair in 2005 and vice-chair in 2004.

Given Mr. Ota's professional history and diverse experience serving on various boards, 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. Ota's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Ken Ota

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

For the past 22 years I enjoyed community service and being on boards that protects the consumer.

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

EASLA board - Accurate and strict oversight of applicants to ensure qualified professionals are vetted.

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

(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.

For the pasted 10 years I have been a board member for the American Water Works Association (AWWA) that provides rules and regulations for safe Drinking Water. AWWA has helped me gain leadership and communication skills to be an effective board member.

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

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

Respectful, Helpful, and Hard Work –

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

Past Board member of EASLA 2002-2009

(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 conflict of interest.