

GM708

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board Of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, And Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVIN KATAYAMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Board Of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, And Landscape Architects

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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Friday, April 1, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 708.

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

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 708, regarding the **reappointment** of Mr. Kevin Katayama to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Katayama's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Katayama has been serving as a Board member since July 11, 2013, and is being reappointed as a professional engineer member. He has been licensed as a mechanical engineer since September 3, 1993, and his license is current, active and in good standing. Since Mr. Katayama's initial appointment, there have been 33 meetings of which he has attended 30. His experience as a member of the Board for the last three years provides the Board with a wealth of knowledge both locally and nationally as

he has represented the Board at national and regional conferences. Mr. Katayama is a valuable member as he actively participates and prepares for the discussions on agenda items, sharing insights based on his 23 years of experience as a mechanical engineer. Mr. Katayama's experience as a professional engineer and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to be an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Kevin Katayama to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

March 28, 2016

**Senate Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health**

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Confirmation of Kevin K. Katayama
GM 708 Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape
Architects

Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair and
Members of Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

Mr. Kevin Katayama is a highly respected and qualified mechanical engineer in the design
professional community. He is a knowledgeable design professional, who owns and operates his
consulting engineering firm with high ethical standards and professionalism. He has
demonstrated strong professional expertise in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering as a Sub-
Consultant on many of my projects.

Personally, I have known Mr. Katayama for over 20 years. We have worked together closely on
numerous design projects over the years as well as on current projects. I believe Mr. Katayama
has valuable professional experience and insight that will be an asset to the Board of
Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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ARCHITECTS, INC.



Harold Y. Inouye, AIA, LEED ® AP BD+C
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March 28, 2016

**Senate Committee on Commerce,
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GM 708 Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and
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Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice
Chair and Members of Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and
Health:

Mr. Kevin Katayama is highly respected mechanical engineer in the design professional
community. He is a knowledgeable design professional, who runs his consulting
engineering firm with integrity and high ethical standards. He has demonstrated strong
professional expertise in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering.

Personally, I have known Mr. Katayama for approximately the last 13 years. We have
worked together closely on numerous design projects in the past, as well as on current
projects. I believe Mr. Katayama will bring valuable professional experience and insight
to this position. He will be a great addition to the State Board of Professional
Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ron E. Iwamoto, P.E.
Principal
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Consulting Structural Engineers



March 30, 2016

Subject: **GM 708 Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Gubernatorial Nominee Kevin Katayama**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

**Hearing Date: Friday, April 1, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 229
(Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health)**

Honorable Senators Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair; Michelle N. Kidani Vice Chair; and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health:

I am an engineering consultant in Hawaii, and I am in **Strong Support for GM 708 Relating to the Nomination of Kevin Katayama, PE** to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Kevin has been a consulting engineer in Hawaii and has performed to the Standard of Care relating to his mechanical and fire protection expertise.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,
Kukulu LLC (dba Kukulu AE)

Lester H Fukuda, PE, FACEC

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GM 708: Questions for KEVIN KATAYAMA for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board?

I wish to continue being a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects (BPEASLA) in order to aid and assist in the process of licensing Hawaii's Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

2. What do you perceive the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board?

I perceive the role and responsibilities as a member of the BPEASLA as one of great importance. As an owner of an engineering firm, it is comforting to know that Hawaii has a great pool of qualified Engineers to choose from due to the requirements set out by the BPEASLA.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities as a member of the Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board.

Given my understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Board, I believe I am qualified for the position because in the 28 years of engineering (18 of those as an owner and 5 as management) I have acquired knowledge of what Hawaii Engineers are expected to know in the field.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to license highly qualified Engineers, Architects, and Surveyors for Hawaii's market during my term of service.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how will these qualities benefit the Board?

Three qualities that best describe myself are: Integrity, Dedication and a Team Worker. I feel each of these qualities are essential to a vibrant and functional Board.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board Member?

I feel the experience of being a current Member of the Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects Board has given me the basis to continue to improve our profession for the betterment of public safety. I was also a Board member of the Bobby Benson Center and the City & County of Honolulu Board of Appeal. This experience is valuable in

7. Can you see any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board?

I may have employees who may apply or appear before the Board in which case I will recuse myself.