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Report Title: Contractors License Board

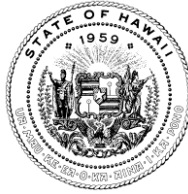
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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Friday, April 15, 2016
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 860.

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

My name is Candace Ito and I am the Executive Officer of the Contractors License Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). I apologize for not being at today's hearing to present our testimony in person. The Board is meeting today from 8:30 a.m. until this afternoon.

The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 860, regarding the **reappointment** of Tyrus Kagawa to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Kagawa's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Kagawa is being reappointed to the Board as one of its specialty contractor members. He has been licensed since July 6, 1994, and his specialty classifications include: boiler, hot-water heating, and steam fitting; plumbing; and ventilating and air

conditioning. He is the responsible managing employee of Oahu Plumbing & Sheet Metal Ltd. and his license is current, active and in good standing.

Mr. Kagawa has served on the Board since July 1, 2012, and is currently the Chairperson of the Board's Rules Committee. Mr. Kagawa is a dedicated member and has attended 38 of 41 Board meetings.

Mr. Kagawa is a diligent and reliable member. In addition to regular Board meetings, he also volunteers to attend the Board's Applications and Rules Committee meetings. He is well prepared for all meetings and with his experience as a licensed plumber and engineer, as well as former member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, he brings a broader perspective to matters before the Board. Mr. Kagawa is judicious in his discussions which contributes to the Board's sound decisions. The Department appreciates Mr. Kagawa's commitment and interest in serving on the Board and looks forward to his continued contributions in his second term.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Kagawa to the Contractors License Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

March 4, 2016

Honorable Senator Roz Baker
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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Board Member
of the Contractor License Board, Mr. Tyrus Kagawa
TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 860.

Dear Honorable Senator Roz Baker,

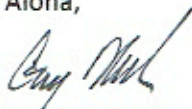
My name is Guy Akasaki the Pres/CEO of Commercial Roofing & Waterproofing Hi., Inc. and the current Chairman for the Hawaii State Contractor License Board.

Mr. Tyrus Kagawa has served for three and a half years as a member of the Contractor License Board and currently serves as the Chair for the Rules Committee. His broad experience in plumbing, steam fitting, boiler and ventilation and being the Responsible Managing Employee (RME) of Oahu Plumbing & Sheet Metal has been shown to be an asset to solutions as a member of the board in scope determination and adjudicatory matters. He also has consistently attended and participated in an additional monthly separate Contractor Applications Meeting every month for the purpose of reviewing of applications of candidate qualifications applying their contractor licenses.

As Chairman of the Hawaii State Contractor License Board, Tyrus Kagawa has a unique discerning instinct that has clearly made seeing through the "fog" clearly allowing the board to responsibly respond to issues. He has shown an unwavering consistency for public safety when to speaking to issues.

I would highly recommend the reappointment and confirmation of Mr. Tyrus Kagawa as a Board Member to the Hawaii State Contractor License Board.

Aloha,



Guy Akasaki | Chairman
Hawaii State Contractor License Board

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Via Email

April 7, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, Regular Session of 2016

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

SUBJECT: GM860 Confirmation of Tyrus Kagawa

My name is Gregg Serikaku. I am the Executive Director of the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii.

The Association for which I speak fully supports the nomination of Tyrus Kagawa to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

Mr. Kagawa is the Vice-President of Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal, Ltd. and has been employed there for over 30 years. Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal, Ltd. is a charter member of our Association and remains one of the most respected names in our industry.

Mr. Kagawa is a State licensed Journeyman Plumber, a mechanical engineer, and a licensed contractor holding licenses in C-4 (Boiler, Hot-Water Heating & Steamfitting), C-37 (Plumbing), and C-52 (Ventilation & Air Conditioning). This well rounded experience gives Tyrus very good insight into what is required to be a responsible and successful specialty contractor.

Mr. Kagawa is a person of high integrity and trust, and a valuable advocate for positive change, and his cooperative approach and rational thought process will assist this Board in making fair and thoughtful decisions.

We respectfully urge your committee to confirm the nomination of Tyrus Kagawa to the Contractors License Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Respectfully yours,

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April 15, 2016

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, President

Subject: GM 860 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, TYRUS KAGAWA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii and we support this nomination.

We find that Mr. Kagawa has been a diligent and supportive member of the Contractors License Board and deserves to be reappointed.

As you are well aware, CLB deals with a variety of issues, all of which must be approached with fairness and equity in mind. We find that Mr. Kagawa has done exactly that.

Based on that we can recommend his reappointment and recommend your advise and consent.

Thank you.

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

It's an opportunity to participate in the functions of government while using the knowledge and experience of my occupation.

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

The role and responsibility of a board member is protect the health and welfare of the general public.

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

During the contractor licensing application process trying to determine if the applicant has the knowledge to provide the consumer with the product that is appropriate for the application and properly installed according to approved or accepted practices.

(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've worked in the construction industry for 35 years and have participated in the construction of commercial building, condominiums, hotels, hospitals and industrial piping projects. I've been exposed to the training requirement as a member of the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry and am aware of the level of training and skill needed to accomplish work in that trade and can extend that awareness to other trades.

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

To help craft changes to the licensing statutes that will bring the statutes in line with the current building and construction practices.

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

1. The analytical side of me tells me that we should gather all the available information to make a good decisions.
2. The cautious side of me tells me to measure the value of the information gathered.
3. The practical side of me tells me to weigh the information and its value to make insure that the decision benefits the consumer before moving forward.

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

I have previously served on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (2003-2011) and the Contractors Licensing Board (2012-present)

(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 possible conflict may occur if and when my employer (as a contractor) becomes involved or in conflict with the rules of the board. The remedy would be to recuse myself and let the other members of the board decide on the appropriate action to be taken.

I hope that I have sufficiently answered your questions.

Tyrus Kagawa