

# GM861

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE ISEMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

**Report Title:** Contractors License Board

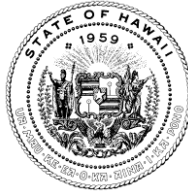
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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2016

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

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 861.**

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. 861, regarding the **appointment** of Leslie Isemoto to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Isemoto's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Isemoto is being appointed to the Board as one of its general contractor members. He has been licensed since November 7, 1997, and holds general engineering and general building contractor's licenses. He is the responsible managing

employee of Isemoto Contracting Co Ltd. and his license is current, active and in good standing.

Mr. Isemoto has served as an interim member since January 19, 2016. Since his interim appointment, there have been two Board meetings, all of which he attended. As a former member of the Contractors License Board, Mr. Isemoto understands the purpose of the Board and is familiar with its laws and rules. He actively participates in discussions and has already volunteered to work on proposed amendments to the Board's administrative rules which is currently in progress.

Mr. Isemoto brings to the Board his knowledge and expertise in the construction industry, as well as the history of the Board. His experience as a contractor, interest in serving on the Board and desire to contribute to the community is an asset to the Board.

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



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**TESTIMONY BY CLYDE T. HAYASHI**  
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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, April 15, 2016  
TIME: 9:30am  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY ON GM 861**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** for GM 861, which submits for consideration and confirmation Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE ISEMOTO, to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire on 06-30-2018.

Mr. Isemoto has valuable experience and knowledge in the area of construction and contracting, having over 30 years of experience in the construction industry as an "A" general engineering and "B" general building contractor on the Island of Hawaii. Currently, Mr. Isemoto is the President and RME of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd., where he is responsible for company revenues, staff training and development, cost controls, and trade-craft and client/vendor relationships.

Mr. Isemoto is also very committed to community service, currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Island Contractors Association. He previously served as their Past President, and was also a past member and Vice Chair of the Contractors License Board. In addition, Mr. Isemoto is a member of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, General Contractors Association of Hawaii and a Board Member and past Chairman of the Waiakea Settlement YMCA.

I strongly believe Mr. Isemoto will be an excellent addition to the Contractors License Board. His experience and knowledge of the intricacies involved in working in the construction industry is invaluable and his commitment to serving the community is commendable. For these reasons, I humbly ask for your **STRONG SUPPORT** of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board.



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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Committee Members

Regarding: Support for the nomination of Leslie Isemoto to the General Contractor Position on the Contractors Licensing Board

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee,

The Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce (HICC) appreciates this opportunity to provide testimony supporting the nomination of Leslie Isemoto to the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board. The Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce has been a part of our island's business community for 120 years. Our membership includes nearly 300 businesses, professionals, and university students and represents almost 700 individuals.

As President of the nearly 90 year old Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd., Leslie continues his family's legacy and commitment to quality craftsmanship, workplace safety and innovation. He has led the company to become a leader in civil construction, retail and commercial development, and the construction of scientific research installations. He serves in a leadership capacity with a number of local associations and organizations and brings his extensive knowledge, sound judgement and his unbiased decision-making ability to all.

Leslie is known as a person of great integrity and humility, and one who looks for what is best for our island community. We are pleased to offer him our support.

Sincerely,

Miles Yoshioka, Executive Officer



## HAWAII ISLAND CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

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April 8, 2016

Via Website: [cphtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:cphtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

**Re: In STRONG Support of the Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor Position on the Contractors Licensing Board**

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani,

The Hawaii Island Contractors' Association is the voice of the construction industry on Hawaii Island. Established in 1961, we provide industry support, education and advocacy to our members. We are comprised of over 170 contractors, subcontractors and industry support professionals and we work to build bridges to opportunities for those in the contracting industry.

The Hawaii Island Contractors Association is writing in strong support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. who is being considered for the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board. Les Isemoto and his family have been a stable construction company for generations in our community. They have provided jobs for many families on Hawaii Island and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board. The Hawaii Island Contractors Association strongly supports Leslie's appointment because of his over thirty years in the construction industry, his extreme knowledge, his unbiased decision making capabilities and his unique, outer-island perspective.

The Contractors Licensing Board and its members have numerous responsibilities, including, but not limited to, adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. Leslie's past experience on the CLB and peerless knowledge of general contracting will be a huge benefit to the CLB and those affected by their decisions.

Hawaii Island Contractors Association strongly supports the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Loeffler".

Carolyn Loeffler, President

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## TESTIMONY FROM THE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF KAUAI on GM 861, Appointment of Leslie Isemoto

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection and Health:

The Contractors Association of Kauai (CAK) Board of Directors **SUPPORTS** the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to a position on the Contractors Licensing Board.

Mr. Isemoto is a former member of the Contractors Association of Kauai and a former member of the CAK Board of Directors. He is widely respected for his knowledge of the trades and the workings of the construction industry. Mr. Isemoto's contributions as a member of the Contractors Licensing Board will be immediate as a former member of that Board. Leslie will also bring a collaborative demeanor and skill set to the Board.

The Contractors Association of Kauai encourages the committee to approve the nomination of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors Licensing Board.

copy: The Honorable Senate President Ronald Kouchi

# Hawai'i Construction Alliance

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April 13, 2016

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
and members  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Hawai'i State Senate  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Strong Support for GM861, Nomination of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2018**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

According to HAR §16-77-2, the primary objective of the Contractors Licensing Board is "the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare, in dealing with persons engaged in the construction industry, and affording to the public effective and practical protection against the incompetent, inexperienced, unlawful, and unfair practices of contractors with whom the public contracts."

As such, the CLB and its members have many responsibilities, including the adoption and enforcement of rules and regulations regarding the classification of contractors and the approval or suspension of contractor licenses. The CLB and its members, therefore, play an important role in promulgating fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of the construction industry.

Leslie Isemoto is President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd., one of the most well-respected general contractors on Hawai'i Island. He has extensive experience in the construction industry, having worked his way up in the family-owned company with stints as an apprentice carpenter, office and equipment manager, and estimator and project manager. As President, he oversees over 200 employees in their office and in the field, and has successfully carried out numerous high-profile projects on Hawai'i Island, including the Marine Science building at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, the golf course at the Hualalai Resort in West Hawai'i, and the Keaukaha Gymnasium in Hilo.



We are confident that Mr. Isemoto will be able to faithfully and fairly serve the public as a member of the CLB. His years of experience in construction, wealth of knowledge, and fair sense of judgment will be of great benefit to the industry and to those affected by the CLB's decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments in strong support of Mr. Isemoto's nomination for the Contractors Licensing Board. We respectfully ask for your favorable consideration for his nomination.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tyler Dos Santos-Tam". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and 'S'.

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**GCA of Hawaii**

GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

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April 15, 2016

TO: HONORABLE ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE KIDANI,  
VICE CHAIR, SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 861**: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE ISEMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

HEARING

DATE: Friday, April 15, 2016  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani and Members,

On behalf of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), we are writing **in support** of Governor's Message 861 appointing Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board ("Board") for a term set to expire on June 30, 2018. GCA is an organization comprised of over five hundred seventy general contractors, subcontractors and construction related firms. GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Isemoto is currently the President of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. and holds a number of licenses for different scopes of work. Mr. Isemoto is the Responsible Managing Employee for Isemoto Contracting Co. Ltd. on the island of Hawaii, a locally owned and operated multi-generational construction company highly recognized statewide. Mr. Isemoto has over twenty-nine years of experience in the "A" general engineering and "B" general building licensing areas and has been directly involved in management, estimating, project management, and equipment acquisition and repairs.

Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. is well known in the industry and has had a tremendous impact on the infrastructure and growth of Hawaii Island. Mr. Isemoto is not only dedicated to the industry but finds time to participate in other community activities including for organizations.

The GCA **strongly supports** the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board and respectfully requests your consideration.

Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

GM 861 – Leslie Isemoto, Gubernatorial Nominee for Contractors Licensing Board

Friday, April 15, 2016  
9:30 A.M.  
State Capitol – Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee:

We strongly support the confirmation of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors Licensing Board.

The Contractors Licensing Board and its members have numerous responsibilities, including, but not limited to, adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. The Board plays an important role in the construction industry and must ensure fair and sound decisions to protect the integrity of the construction industry.

Mr. Isemoto previously served on the Contractors Licensing Board for 8 years and has 30 years of construction industry expertise. Mr. Isemoto has a wealth of knowledge and expertise and we believe he will be a huge asset to the Board once again.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we humbly ask for your support.

About PRP

*Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.*



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ATTN: Honorable, Rosalyn Baker, Chair,  
Michelle Kodani, Vice Chair, Members of  
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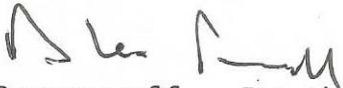
4/12/2016

Re: Support of nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General  
Contractor Position of Contractors Licensing Board

From: Alex Penovaroff, President

Dear Chair Baker & Vice Chair Kidani

Please consider this letter of support for Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company. We have been associated with Isemoto Contracting over the last 42 years and have followed Leslie from his formative introduction and on-the-job training, while developing into one of our leading contributors of providing jobs, knowledge and services to the Construction Industry. Integrity is a family trade mark. We strongly support his appointment to the Contractors License Board. Thank you.



Alex Penovaroff - President

Sent via: E-Mail: [cphtestimony@capital.hawaii.gov](mailto:cphtestimony@capital.hawaii.gov).



April 11, 2016

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**TO:** HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI,  
VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

**Re: In Support of the Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor Position on  
the Contractors Licensing Board**

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani:

As a member of the Hawaii Island Contractors' Association, we at Water Resources International, Inc. have been fortunate to become acquainted with Leslie Isemoto. Les and his family have been a stable force in the construction industry on Hawaii Island for many years and have provided jobs for many families in our communities. As such, we believe that Les will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board.

Water Resources International, Inc. is writing in strong support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd., who is being considered for the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board. Water Resources International, Inc. supports Leslie's appointment because of his over thirty years of experience in the construction industry, his knowledge, his unbiased decision making capabilities, and his unique outer-island perspective.

Leslie's past experience on the CLB and his extensive knowledge of general contracting will be a great benefit to the CLB and those affected by their decisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blaise Clay  
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April 14, 2016

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

Subject: In **STRONG SUPPORT OF THE** Nomination of Leslie Isemoto  
For General Contractor Position on the Contractors  
Licensing Board

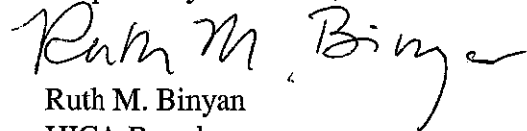
Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani,

As a member and Director of the Hawaii Island Contractors' Association,  
I am in strong support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting  
Company, Ltd. who is being considered for the General Contractor position  
on the Contractors Licensing Board.

Leslie continues to provide strong support for our association as an active  
board member with a wealth of knowledge and sound decisions for our  
members as well as being an active community member representing Isemoto  
Contracting Company, Ltd. and our association well.

We strongly support Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board,  
and mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ruth M. Binyan  
HICA Board

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April 8, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Hawaii State Capital Room 229  
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**Re: In strong support of the Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor Position on the Contractors Licensing Board**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of this committee,

My name is Craig Takamine and I am the President of Takamine Construction, Inc. which is a family owned contracting company that has been in business since 2003. I am writing in strong support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. Who is being considered for the general Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board. I have known Leslie for many years through our involvement in the Hawaii island Contractors Association. He is an excellent role model and mentor to myself and I am lucky to able to consider him a friend. Leslie Isemoto and his family have been a stable construction company for generations. They have provided jobs for may hard working men and women on Hawaii Island. What I respect about Mr. Isemoto the most is his ability to put self-interests aside and make a decision based on what's best for the industry.

In closing I would like to again convey my strong support of the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Craig S. Takamine  
President  
Takamine Construction, Inc.



## HAWAII ISLAND CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

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April 8, 2016

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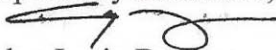
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Hawaii Island Contractors Association strongly supports the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Alden Justin Barrios  
Backyard Monkey LLC





**Genba Hawaii, Inc.**  
Civil Construction Consulting

April 12, 2016

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Subject: **Support** of Governor's Message 861, Appointment of **LESLIE ISEMOTO** to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 06-30-2018

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

I am writing in **support** of Leslie Isemoto, President and Responsible Managing Employee (RME) of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd., who is nominated for a position on the Contractors License Board (CLB). Mr. Isemoto is an ideal candidate for the CLB because he has the knowledge, experience and high standards that being a member of this board requires. Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. has been an active contributor to the construction industry since the company was started in 1926. Leslie has been with the multi-generational family owned company since 1972.

I have known Leslie for over twenty years as both a competitor, when I was president of Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc., and through our volunteer service at the General Contractors Labor Association of Hawaii (GCLA). I can personally attest to his outstanding character.

The Contractors License Board plays an important role in the construction industry. The CLB is tasked with adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules.

Leslie will be able to offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. I strongly **support** the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board and urge this committee to approve his nomination.

Sincerely,

Genba Hawaii, Inc.  
President



April 8, 2016

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HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

**Re: In STRONG Support of the Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor Position on the Contractors Licensing Board**

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani,

Kalama Evans Construction, LLC is a residential construction company on the East side of the Big Island where we are in strong support for Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. who is being considered for the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board.

Leslie Isemoto is a great example of a successful business owner knowledgeable and experienced in the construction industry for over 30 years. He is humble and unbiased in decision making and will be a great candidate for this position.

Kalama Evans Construction, LLC strongly supports the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Re: In STRONG Support of the Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor Position on the Contractors Licensing Board**

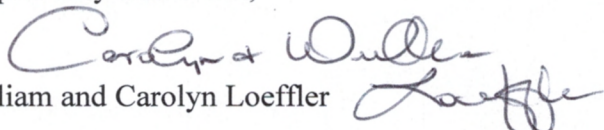
Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani,

Loeffler Construction, Inc. is writing in strong support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. who is being considered for the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board. Les Isemoto and his family have been a stable construction company for generations in our community. They have provided jobs for many families on Hawaii Island and will bring a wealth of knowledge to all that interact and know him. Loeffler Construction, Inc. strongly supports Leslie's appointment with over thirty years in the construction industry, his extreme knowledge, his unbiased decision making capabilities and his unique, outer-island perspective.

The Contractors Licensing Board and its members have numerous responsibilities, including, but not limited to, adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules. Leslie's past experience on the CLB and peerless knowledge of general contracting will be a huge benefit to the CLB and those affected by their decisions.

Professionally, as competitors and as friends, we feel that Les Isemoto will be an asset to the Contractors Licensing Board. We whole heartedly support Les for this position.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
William and Carolyn Loeffler



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April 12, 2016

HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION  
AND HEALTH

**Re: In STRONG Support of the Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General  
Contractor Position on the Contractors Licensing Board**

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani,

I am writing in strong support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. who is being considered for the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board.

Les Isemoto and his family have operated a stable construction company for generations in our community. They have provided jobs for many families on Hawaii Island and can bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board. I strongly support Leslie's appointment because of his thirty-plus years in the construction industry, his huge knowledge base, his unbiased decision making capabilities and his unique, outer-island perspective.

The Contractors Licensing Board (CLB) has numerous responsibilities, including, but not limited to, adopting rules and regulations regarding the classification of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing its rules. Leslie's past experience on the CLB and a great knowledge of general contracting will be a huge benefit to the CLB and those affected by their decisions.

I strongly support Leslie Isemoto's appointment to the Contractors Licensing Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman and CEO



**First Hawaiian Bank**

**Waialake Branch**

April 11, 2016

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

**Re: Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor Position on the Contractors Licensing Board**

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani:

It is with great pleasure and honor to provide this letter of recommendation in support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. who is being considered for the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board.

I am currently employed as the Vice President and East Hawaii Area Manager and have worked closely with Mr. Isemoto for over 20-years. Mr. Isemoto is more than qualified for appointment to the Licensing Board because of his vast experience in the construction industry, his extreme knowledge and his unbiased decision making capabilities. He would bring a unique outer-island perspective as well. Furthermore, Mr. Isemoto and his company are held in the highest regard by the community.

Leslie Isemoto brings a tremendous amount of professionalism and dedication to the Construction Industry and he is one I can recommend to you with complete confidence.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (808)974-2101.

Sincerely,

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Chuck Erskine  
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HEALTH

**Re: In Support of the Nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor  
Position on the Contractors Licensing Board**

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Kidani,

I am writing in strong support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd. who is being considered for the General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board. Mr. Isemoto has been a huge asset to the community of the Hilo and Island of Hawaii for generations. They have provided jobs for many families on Hawaii Island and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board. I strongly support Leslie's appointment because of his vast experience in the construction industry, his extreme knowledge, and decision making capabilities and his unique, outer-island perspective.

I strongly urge and support Leslie Isemoto's nomination to the State of Hawaii Contractor Licensing Board for the full term through June 2018.

Respectfully,

Ernest M. Mattos  
Managing Member



Gerald Yamada  
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December 11, 2016

**CHAIR BAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH,**

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I would like to recommend Leslie Isemoto for the Contractor's License Board.

Les and Family have been in construction for many years on the Big Island. Currently, the president of Isemoto Contracting. He is very knowledgeable in all aspects of construction. His previous experience on the board, knowledge, and unbiased decision making will be a great asset.

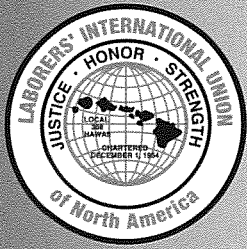
I highly recommend Leslie for the open General Contactor position.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 966-4582.

Sincerely,

Gerald Yamada





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April 11, 2016

**THE HONORABLE SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR**

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health

April 15, 2016, 9:30am

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**RE: GM 861 Governor's nomination for Leslie Isemoto to the Hawaii State Contractors License Board**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

My name is Gino Soquena, and I am the Government & Community Relations Director for The Laborers' International Union of North America Local 368 which represents almost 5,000 members throughout the State of Hawaii. The Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 stands in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 861, the Governor's nomination of Mr. Leslie Isemoto to the Hawaii State Contractors License Board.

Mr. Isemoto has over 30 years of experience in the construction industry and is a former Board Member of the Hawaii State Contractors License Board. The Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 knows that Mr. Isemoto has the background, knowledge, qualifications, and the experience to be a positive and constructive member of the Hawaii State Contractors License Board.

The Laborers' Union Local 368 respectfully requests your support in confirming the Governor's nomination of Mr. Leslie Isemoto to the Hawaii State Contractors License Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gino Soquena

Government & Community Relations Director

Laborers' International Union of North America Local 368

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**Genba Hawaii, Inc.**  
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April 12, 2016

To: Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Subject: **Support** of Governor's Message 861, Appointment of **LESLIE ISEMOTO** to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 06-30-2018

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

I am writing in **support** of Leslie Isemoto, President and Responsible Managing Employee (RME) of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd., who is nominated for a position on the Contractors License Board (CLB). Mr. Isemoto is an ideal candidate for the CLB because he has the knowledge, experience and high standards that being a member of this board requires. Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. has been an active contributor to the construction industry since the company was started in 1926. Leslie has been with the multi-generational family owned company since 1972.

I have known Leslie for over twenty years as both a competitor, when I was president of Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc., and through our volunteer service at the General Contractors Labor Association of Hawaii (GCLA). I can personally attest to his outstanding character.

The Contractors License Board plays an important role in the construction industry. The CLB is tasked with adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; approval or suspension of contractor licenses; promulgating rules and regulations related to the construction industry to protect the public; and enforcing Board rules.

Leslie will be able to offer first-hand knowledge of his over thirty years in the construction industry. I strongly **support** the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board and urge this committee to approve his nomination.

Sincerely,

Genba Hawaii, Inc.  
President

April 13, 2016

HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

**Re: In support of the nomination of Leslie Isemoto for General Contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board.**

I strongly support Leslie Isemoto for the General Contractor position on the Contractor Licensing Board.

I strongly support Les's appointment due to his knowledge of the construction industry, his decision making capabilities and overall business perspective. Les is an honest person with responsibilities toward any endeavor he is involved in, including the adoption of rules and regulations and the enforcement of such.

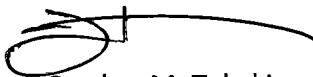
As a former member of the Contracting Licensing Board, Les will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board.

I've known Les for over 30 years and look to him as a person of high character and integrity. The Isemoto family have been a major contributor to the Big Island Community for generations.

It is with great pride and responsibility that I support and endorse the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractor Licensing Board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Gordon M. Takaki



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April 13, 2016

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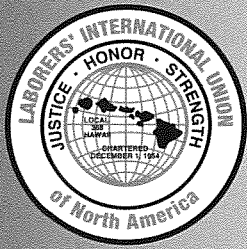
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Nimr Y. Tamimi



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April 11, 2016

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, & Health

April 15, 2016, 9:30am

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**RE: GM 861 Consideration and Confirmation for Leslie Isemoto to the Hawaii State Contractors License Board**

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My name is Peter Ganaban, Business Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer for The Laborers' International Union of North America Local 368 which represents almost 5,000 members throughout the State of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 861 for Consideration and Confirmation of Leslie Isemoto to the Hawaii State Contractors License Board.

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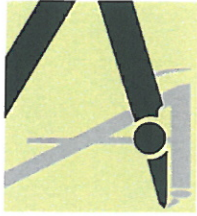
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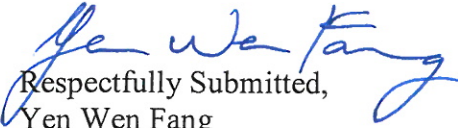
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Hawaii Island Contractors Association strongly supports the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board.

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Yen Wen Fang

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

I have been encouraged by many industry professionals and associations to represent the Island of Hawaii on the Contractor's License Board. As Hawaii Island's largest general contractor, performing both heavy civil and building construction, I have the experience and knowledge to provide the Board a wide perspective of our construction industry and general public concerns. As a past license board member, I enjoyed the learning experience on the roles and duties of the Contractors License Board and wish to continue learning and contributing, in the best interest of the Public.

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

To protect the general public by granting contractors license to qualified individuals, suspend or revoke licenses for cause, provide information for contractors license, and to carry out rules and practices for contractors, pursuant to Chapter 444 and 16-77, HRS.

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

As a general engineering, general building and specialty subcontractor, engaged in very large and small private and public sector projects, I have the experience in the many facets of construction. This experience will help me work with other industry professionals to improve our rules and practices to 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.

In my 30 plus years in the construction industry, I have encountered many conflicts with quality of work and trade disputes. As past president and board member of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association, and board member of other associations and non-profit organization, I am knowledgeable on conducting fair and open meetings with Roberts Rules of Order. I am not afraid to speak up at meetings or in public.

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

To have open discussions with general contractors, specialty contractors, and labor organizations on all matters affecting our industry, in the best interest of the general public.

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

Fair, honest and experienced. The Contractors License Board makes many decisions on adoption of rules and regulations, type of work allowed by general and specialty trade classifications of work, and approval or suspension of contractor's licenses. As a general contractor and subcontractor, I have the experience in a wide range of a license classification and scope of work. I am able to make fair and honest decisions based on my 30 plus years in the construction industry.

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

As a Board member during the Hawaii Supreme Court decision in 2002 in Okada Trucking Co. Ltd. v. Board of Water Supply, et al., I am very aware of the fall out and license requires the decision cast over the construction industry. This will help me to provide better decision making on scope determination issues.

- (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?

Yes, Isemoto Contracting's core business is public works projects for the State of Hawaii and County of Hawaii. We have been involved with many projects involving bid protest and/or award due to licensing requirements. There have been a few occasions that required Contractors' License Board decisions for and against Isemoto Contracting. As a past board member, I reclude myself from voting on any Board action that involves of benefits Isemoto Contracting, and I will do the same if I am confirmed as a Board member.

Additionally, in a recent decision to approve a contractor's license of a relative, I reclude myself from discussion and voting to provide a fair and unbiased approval.