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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENT MATSUZAKI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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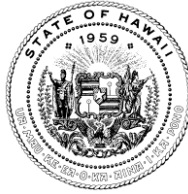
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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 862.

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. 862, regarding the **reappointment** of Kent Matsuzaki to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Matsuzaki's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Matsuzaki is being reappointed to the Board as one of its specialty contractor members. He has been licensed since August 31, 1988, and holds the following specialty classifications: boiler, hot-water heating and steam fitting; plumbing; and ventilating and air conditioning. He is the principal responsible managing employee of

Economy Plumbing & Sheetmetal Inc. and Island Wide A/C Service LLC. His license is current, active and in good standing.

Mr. Matsuzaki has been a contributing member of the Board since July 1, 2012, and has attended 35 of 41 Board meetings. In addition to regular Board meetings, he also volunteers to attend the Board's Applications and Rules Committee meetings. He brings to the Board his 30 years of experience in the construction industry and mechanical engineering background. His attention to detail contributes to the clarity of the Board's determinations. The Department appreciates Mr. Matsuzaki'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. Matsuzaki to the Contractors License Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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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: GM862 Confirmation of Kent Matsuzaki

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 Kent Matsuzaki to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire 6-30-2020.

Mr. Matsuzaki is the owner and President of Economy Plumbing and Sheet Metal, Inc., a Kama'aina family owned company for over 50 years. Mr. Matsuzaki is also an owner and managing member of Island Wide A/C Service LLC. Both of these companies together employ over 50 tradespersons and administrative staff and represents two of the best managed companies in our industry.

Mr. Matsuzaki received a BS in mechanical engineering from Stanford University, and holds contractor's licenses in C-4 (Boiler, Hot-Water Heating & Steamfitting), C-37 (Plumbing), and C-52 (Ventilation & Air Conditioning). Mr. Matsuzaki has experience in all aspects of contracting including estimating, project management, field supervision, financial budgeting, etc., and it is this inherent knowledge of the contracting business that would make Mr. Matsuzaki a terrific asset for the Contractors License Board.

Mr. Matsuzaki's desire for ethical contracting practices and his concern for the betterment of standards for all contractors in the construction industry will help to safeguard the consumer's interests and protect public safety.

We respectfully urge your committee to confirm the nomination of Kent Matsuzaki to the Contractors License Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support.

Respectfully yours,

Gregg S. Serikaku
Executive Director

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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 862 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENT MATSUZAKI, 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. we support this nomination.

Kent Matsuzaki has been a member of the Board for the past four (4) years and we find that he has approached matters both consumer oriented and those contractor oriented with fairness and deliberative thought. With a variety of subject matters that the Board must "wrestle" with, it requires an individual like Kent who can sort out the details and arrive at a fair and equitable solution.

Based on the above, we highly recommend his confirmation and your advise and consent.

Thank you.

April 11, 2016

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

I believe in giving back to the Community and doing what I can to help improve the Construction industry.

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

- 1) Ensure that contractors applying for licenses in the State of Hawaii have proper qualifications to do work in their applicable licensed class.
- 2) Protect public health and safety.
- 3) Provide professional opinions to ongoing Contracting licensing questions and issues.

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

- 1) Conscientious review of Contractor license applications and contractor/State inquiries.
- 2) Attention to detail and engaged discussion of issues that come up
- 3) Help educate Contracting community on licensing laws

(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 am a graduate mechanical engineer who has been involved in the Construction industry for over 30 years and versed in all aspects of a contracting business.

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

Hope to upgrade the contractor license descriptions to match current technologies in the Contracting industry. Some of the current descriptions are outdated.

Hope to promote ideas towards a paperless meeting or at least less paper.

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

I am a conscientious, experienced contractor that has done a wide range of projects over my career and I am usually able to see the big picture.

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

2nd Term – Already served 4 years so past experience should help.

- (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?**

No.