

GM 769

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDAL HIRAKI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Board of Electricians and Plumbers

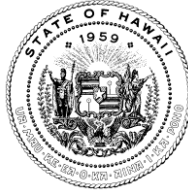
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Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 769.

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

My name is Christine Rutkowski and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Electricians and Plumbers ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 769, regarding the **reappointment** of Randal Hiraki to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Hiraki's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Hiraki has served on the Board since July 1, 2013, as an industry member representing the plumbing trade. He is being nominated to serve a second term. Since initially being appointed, Mr. Hiraki has attended 16 out of the 22 meetings that the Board convened.

As a licensed journey worker plumber since August 20, 1980, Mr. Hiraki shares his many years of experience and valuable knowledge about the trade during Board

discussions. He is consistently prepared for the issues that are presented on the meeting agenda. His active participation encourages thoughtful exchange amongst the members, which results in well-reasoned conclusions.

The Department believes that Mr. Hiraki's interest in continuing to serve on the Board, his active experience in the trade, and his desire to contribute to the community will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

The Department supports the confirmation of Randal Hiraki to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 10, 2017

Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

Re: Randal M. Hiraki

Dear Chair and Members:

I am writing in strong support of your consideration to appoint Randal M. Hiraki to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Randal personally and professionally for over 20 years and know him to be extremely hardworking, dependable and someone who has excellent business acumen.

As a past Small Business Person of the Year awardee, Randal's experience in running a successful and growing plumbing company can bring much insight to the committee. Additionally, he has vast experience in working with many Developers, Contractors and both large and small business owners.

Of Randal's many qualities, I feel his ability assess a situation and provide clear and reasonable solutions has been a trait I have always admired. He is solution driven and works toward efficiency, while being able to bring people together.

It is my honor to be able to communicate my support for Randal Hiraki. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts, as I know the public will be the ultimate beneficiary of Randal's dedication to excellence in all of his endeavors.

Sincerely,

Kay M. Mukaigawa (R)
President

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Randal Hiraki: Board of Electricians and Plumbers

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

By working in the industry, having a journeyman's and contractor's license and running a business, I believe I have a good perspective in making decision in the best interest of the industry.

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

To make informed decisions which better the industry and maintain the safety of the public.

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

Enforcing the integrity of the contractors and reviewing the skills of the applicants.

(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 have over 40 years of experience in the industry during which time I obtained my Journeyman's license and contractor's license and established a plumbing contracting company. My company now employs over 200 people and provides plumbing and fire sprinkler services for commercial and residential owners. My experiences has given me the knowledge of the trade in addition to the fundamentals of running of business while working closely with the community.

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

Continue enforcement of jurisdictional decisions and maintain the level of competency for future applicants applying for licenses.

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

1) Experience; 2) Knowledge; and 3) Integrity

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

I learned a great deal from serving on this Board in my previous term. I would like to continue to contribute my experience and knowledge to the Board's efforts in maintaining the quality of our Contractors.

- (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. I do not see any conflicts at this time.