

GM 807

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, NATHAN KONISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Contractors License Board

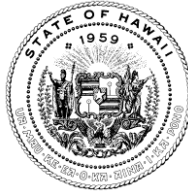
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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

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

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 807.

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"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 807, regarding the **reappointment** of Nathan Konishi to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Konishi's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Konishi is being reappointed to the Board as one of its general contractor members. He has been licensed since November 1, 1995, and holds the general building and several other specialty classifications. His license is current, active and in good standing. He is a founder of and the responsible managing employee of Pacific Blue Construction, LLC on Kauai. Mr. Konishi's expertise as a contractor with thirty years of experience in the construction industry contributes to the important role he

fulfills in guiding the Board in determining the work that may be performed under the various license classifications.

Mr. Konishi has served on the Board since January 18, 2013 and has been the Chairperson of the Board's Scope Committee for more than two years. He is reliable and conscientiously prepares for each Board meeting, and he has attended all but three meetings. The Department appreciates Mr. Konishi'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. Konishi to the Contractors License Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: **GM807**
NATHAN T. KONISHI
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I have known Nathan for almost 40 years. He has been a very good friend and is a very selfless person who would give someone the shirt off his back. Nathan is also a wonderful father to his 2 boys and is active with the Boy Scouts.

I am proud and privileged to know Nathan since he has worked hard to get where he is. You can count on Nathan to do a great job in serving on the Contractor's License Board.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dolly Nakata". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. MAILE S. TANIGUCHI
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April 10, 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Nathan Konishi - GM807

I am very pleased and honored to take this opportunity to again recommend Nathan Konishi to continue serving on the Contractors License Board for the State of Hawaii. I make this recommendation as I am confident that Nathan again will be a most valuable asset to the Board in representing all those in the Contractor's field.

I have known Nathan for over twenty-five years. He is one of the hardest working people I know. He is also very generous of his time and expertise in assisting in cultural and community affairs, as well as his own children's' sports and activities. He is a genuine family man, and his integrity is beyond question. Through his experience as a businessman and contractor, he no doubt has the personal qualities and leadership skills that make him an excellent representative of the Board. He has always demonstrated the highest ethical and moral standards in his professional capacity as a contractor.

I whole heartedly recommend him, without hesitation, to any position of trust. I strongly urge you to give Nathan consideration to his continuing appointment as a Board member as I believe that he has proven to be a valuable asset to the Contractors License Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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The honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, et.al.

I am writing in favor of Nathan Konishi for continued service on the Contractors License Board. As he finishes his first term on the board, he remains passionate and speaks of his tenure on the Board with vigor and enthusiasm. I have known Nathan for many years and Nathan is a kind, thoughtful and fair person. He's mild temperament suits him well in this board role that he has assumed.

Nathan is hard working and industrious in his various business ventures. He is a compassionate and loving husband and father while unselfishly serving the Kauai community in many ways. As a friend I can always count on him being there for me when needed and does not hesitate to offer a hand without being solicited.

Please consider Nathan Konishi as a valuable asset to the Contractors License Board and allow him to serve another 4 years. Mahalo nui loa and please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Matt H Takata

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April 11, 2017

HAWAII STATE SENATE
Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Testimony from the Contractors Association of Kaua'i

**GM 807, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Nathan Konishi**

Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, I am Jerry Nishek, Chair of the Government Affairs Committee of the hundred member Contractors Association of Kaua'i, presenting testimony and support for the appointment of NATHAN KONISHI to the Contractors License Board.

The Contractors Association of Kaua'i's (CAK) Board of Directors strongly believes Nathan Konishi will serve the construction industry fairly and with integrity while being sensitive to the needs of the consumer.

Mr. Konishi has been part of the construction industry since 1984, when he graduated from Kaua'i Community College with a certificate in carpentry. He worked his way up to become a journeyman carpenter and supervisor. Then in 2005 he co-founded Pacific Blue Construction where he is President and Responsible Managing Employee (RME).

Thank you very much for considering the Gubernatorial appointment and confirmation of Nathan Konishi to a full term as a member of the Contractors License Board.

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Nathan Konishi: Contractors License Board

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

I would like to continue as a board member to aid in the process of selecting qualified candidates for contractors licensure.

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

Board members review contractors applications and are responsible for approving applications that they feel they are fully qualified. We also review and respond to inquiries from public and government entities on proper licensing requirements for individuals and projects .

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

I feel we are helping to protect the consumer by issuing licenses to qualified individuals that will be a benefit to the consumer and the industry.

(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 been in the construction industry over 34 years and 21 years as a B" General Building Contractor, our company specializes in commercial buildings and projects with local Federal, State, County government and residential. This experience will help in the review process of candidate and interviews.

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

One of the things I'd like to see through is the review and revision of the classifications of license classes under HRS 444-7a,b,c,d which we are presently working to update to the current means and methods of today.

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

I'm very easy going and willing to help whenever it's needed and working well with others. When taking on a responsibility, I try to do my best to fulfill that responsibility to the best of my knowledge and capability.

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

I've had previous experience with people that have complained about quality of work with contractors or even unlicensed contractors. This will enhance my awareness of ensuring qualified candidates are reviewed and approved.

(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?

I don't foresee any conflicts, however, I would excuse myself from any discussion or determination that may be a conflict of interest on my part up to an including removal.