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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 683, SUBMITTING FOR  
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BENEDICT LEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE  
06-30-2022.**

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

My name is Sandra Matsushima, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 683, regarding the **reappointment** of Benedict Lee to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Lee's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Lee has been serving as a Board member since February 2016 and is seeking reappointment as a landscape architect member. He has been licensed as a landscape architect since October 7, 1985, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Since Mr. Lee's initial appointment, he has attended 17 out of 25 meetings. Mr. Lee has been a landscape architect for more than 30 years and

the principal of his company, Brownlie & Lee, since its organization in 1988. He has been involved in a wide range of residential, commercial, and recreational projects in the public and private sectors and is a licensed landscape architect in Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. He is also a certified arborist.

Mr. Lee's experience as a landscape architect and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to be an asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Mr. Lee to the Board.

The Senate  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

### **Testimony in Support of GM 683**

Chairperson Baker, Vice Chairperson Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit this testimony letter **supporting** the nomination of Benedict Lee to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (EASLA.)

From May 2010 through December 2013, I was an employee of Brownlie & Lee, and had the opportunity to work closely with Benedict Lee. He is well versed in many aspects of the landscape architecture profession and continues to extend his knowledge by attending industry training sessions. His knowledge is a result of continuous project involvement in the private sector, City & County, State, and Federal levels.

Benedict Lee has demonstrated the success of recently completing high profile landscape architecture projects in Honolulu's urban core. He is capable of managing complex situations and arriving at sound solutions by combining over 30 years of professional practice with his certification in additional related fields such as: Arboriculture (tree management) and Sustainable Practices (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.)

I am supporting GM 683, Benedict Lee's nomination to EASLA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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Registered Landscape Architect in State of Hawaii  
Member of American Society of Landscape Architects

DANA ANNE YEE,  
Landscape Architect, LLC

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chairperson

RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 683  
BENEDICT LEE

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation and positive testimony in support of Mr. Benedict Lee's confirmation to the Professional Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. I have known Ben for most of my Landscape Architectural professional career which spans over 30 years. My first Landscape Architectural job after returning to Hawai'i was at Walters, Kimura, and Associates. Ben was a kind and supportive colleague during the early years of my career.

Ben's sense of caring for others and his approach to his work is well recognized in the community. These attributes will serve him well in his capacity as a contributing member of the EASLA Professional Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this letter of recommendation.  
I highly recommend Benedict Lee to the Professional Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Sincerely yours,



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