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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMMIE GARCIA-PAAHANA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

Current Referral: CPH

Testimony of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, March 29, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 591, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMMIE GARCIA-PAAHANA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kedin Kleinhans, and I am the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Jammie Garcia-Paahana's reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Garcia-Paahana has served on the Board as an industry member since April 1, 2016, and has attended fourteen out of seventeen meetings since her appointment. She has been licensed as an elevator mechanic since July 1, 2009, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Ms. Garcia-Paahana is currently a service superintendent for ThyssenKrupp Elevator, having worked at the company since 2004. The Board believes that Ms. Garcia-Paahana's interest in serving on the Board, knowledge and experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Her reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of elevator repair and maintenance in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 25, 2019

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 230
Honolulu, HI

Elevator Licensing Board recommendation for Jammie Garcia-Paahana

Aloha Senator Baker,

Please accept this letter as my recommendation for the continuation of Jammie Garcia-Paahana's membership on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

I've had the pleasure of associating with Jammie Garcia-Paahana for the past fifteen years, when she started her elevator career in Hawaii. During that time, Jammie has excelled as an elevator constructor in all aspects of our work, encompassing construction, repair and service. In addition, Jammie has involved herself with leadership roles with the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 126, selection of apprenticeship candidates as an interviewer, and currently, as a Service Superintendent for ThyssenKrupp Elevator.

Jammie is a valuable contributing member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, having a fifteen-year working knowledge of the intricacies of maintaining elevators to ensure the safety of the riding public and is well aware of the necessity of maintaining a high level of professionalism in the elevator trade. Jammie understands as I do that the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board is an important step in assuring the adequate qualifications of applicants seeking licensing in Hawaii.

Consequently, I have no reservations in again recommending Jammie to Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,



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