

Testimony of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 520, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT BARRETT,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lei Ana Green, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Robert Barrett's appointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Barrett was appointed to the Board on an interim basis on May 28, 2019, and he has attended 4 out of 5 meetings since his appointment. He is the president and co-owner of Coastal Windows, Inc., a family-owned and -operated vinyl window and door manufacturing company in Hawaii, and he serves on multiple boards, committees, and associations.

As a public member, Mr. Barrett will offer the Board a valuable consumer perspective in regulating electrical and plumbing professionals. He is also familiar with the role that boards and advisory councils serve in the regulatory process, as he previously served as president of the Gentry Waipio Industrial Area Association and president of the Board of Directors for the Mililani Town Association, as well as participated in various advisory councils.

The Board believes that Mr. Barrett's professionalism and willingness to serve will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL 675 UNITED ASSOCIATION



March 4, 2020

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Committee Chair
The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Committee Vice Chair
The Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
State Capitol Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: GM No. 520- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT BARRETT, for a term to expire 06-30-2023
Notice of Hearing: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 9:30 am

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, Committee Members;

Chartered in 1919, the Plumbers and Fitters UA, Local 675 is one of the oldest organized labor unions in Hawai'i and one of three 'licensed' skilled-construction trades, steeped in a rich history as one of Hawai'i's construction-industry pioneers.

On behalf of Local 675 and its hard-working members and their families, we would like to thank the Committee Chair, Vice Chair and members for this opportunity to provide comments in SUPPORT of GM No. 520 submitting for consideration and confirmation, Gubernatorial Nominee ROBERT BARRETT to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Mr. Barrett is a recognized small businessperson both in Hawaii as well as nationally, and has been an active participant in his community, serving in various capacities on numerous associations, boards, councils and other deliberative bodies. Local 675 supports Mr. Barrett's appointment to the E&P Board and believes his local business acumen and deliberative experience will provide sound decision-making and balance to this policy-making body.

For these reasons we encourage your favorable consideration of GM No. 520 and confirmation of ROBERT BARRETT. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

GM No. 520 E&P Board.Robert Barrett.03.04.20

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February 28, 2020

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, Members Fevella, Nishihara, Ruderman, Thielen, and
Wakai

RE: Testimony in Support of Bob Barrett, GM520

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of CPH:

I have known Bob Barrett for 9 years, and have seen firsthand all the time and effort he puts into volunteering. From national organizations down to community associations, Bob represents our State, his company, his community, and his church with devotion and integrity. He is a leader with great problem solving skills. He listens and is able to analyze issues. He communicates well and gets along well with others. In short, he is a perfect candidate for appointment to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. The State will be lucky to have him, and I urge you to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

David O'Neal

GM-520

Submitted on: 2/28/2020 4:09:14 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/4/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

I have known Bob Barrett professionally and personally for approximately five years. Bob is hard working, extremely intelligent, very positive and an ultimate team player.

Bob was a board member, finance chair and board chair for an educational non-profit when I was the President and CEO. Bob worked closely with me, our CFO and others on the leadership team. In these important roles for our school, Bob was always helpful, insightful and invested in our mission and work. Bob often went beyond the call of duty in terms of hours, responsiveness and energy devoted to his work for us.

I know Bob cares deeply about his work with the board of electricians and plumbers and is worthy of this esteemed nomination. It is without any reservation that offer this support, as Bob will do a fantastic job in this role.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this testimony - and likely others - supporting Bob.

From: [Greg Sitar](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: GM520 - testimony in support of Robert Barrett
Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020 12:48:03 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I would like to offer my full support for Mr. Robert Barrett, President of Coastal Windows, Inc., for his nomination to the Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board.

I have known Bob for over 12 years and have dealt with him in both a professional and personal/social setting.

He is a very astute and knowledgeable individual and I view him as being a very fair individual with high moral character.

I believe that he is a great candidate for this position and would be a great addition to the board.

Aloha,

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9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 229

GM 520, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT BARRETT

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting testimony in **strong support** for the confirmation of Robert Barrett to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. I have known and worked with Mr. Barrett for many years, and I have known him to be not only an excellent small business owner, but a respected member of the local and national business community. Additionally, Mr. Barrett is also a valued member of the community, serving on numerous boards including as President of the Mililani Town Association, the BBB Advisory Council and the Hanalani Parent Council, among others. In closing, Robert Barrett is an excellent selection to continue the work of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, and I encourage this committee to forward his nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Will Kane

GM-520

Submitted on: 3/2/2020 2:57:27 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/4/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Brady	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to submit support testimony for Robert Barrett to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. I have known Robert for over 20 years and know that he is of good character and will represent the public well on the board. I have served on a church committee with Robert in which good fiscal and common sense decisions were needed. Robert has also shown strong commitment in boards he has served on in the past.

I respectfully ask the Committee and the Chair to consider Roberts approval to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Mahalo,

Matt Brady

Past Co-Chair of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

President of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 675

From: [Sugimoto, Mark](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: GM520
Date: Monday, March 2, 2020 3:25:38 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mark Sugimoto. I serve as the Head of School for Hanalani Schools and have served as head for 29 years.

I am writing in support of Mr. Bob Barret's nomination for a position on the Electricians & Plumbers Licensing Board.

I have had the privilege of knowing Bob for over 10 years and have worked closely with Bob on the Parent Council.

He is a dedicated, trustworthy, and thoughtful leader.

As a Mililani resident, Bob serves on the Mililani Town Association Board, most recently as president.

Bob will bring quality leadership and experience to any organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mark Y. Sugimoto