

Testimony of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 566, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EVAN FONG,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

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 Mr. Evan Fong's appointment to the Board as an industry/elevator mechanic member.

Mr. Fong has been licensed as an elevator mechanic in Hawaii since September 13, 2010, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He is currently employed by ThussenKrupp Elevator as a modernization mechanic and was previously employed by various elevator contractors.

Mr. Fong has served on the Board on an interim basis since July 18, 2019, and he has attended all of the scheduled meetings since his appointment. He actively participates in meeting discussions and demonstrates his preparedness for the matters on the Board's agendas.

The Board strongly believes that Mr. Fong's interest in serving on the Board, experience as a licensed elevator mechanic, and evident desire to contribute to the profession will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

TO: Senator Ronald Kouchi; Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee Members
RE: GM566- Gubernatorial Nominee Jodi Ann Nakaoka
From: Sheila Kitamura, RDH, MEd, Health Sciences Chair
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It is my distinct honor to write this letter of recommendation for Jodi Nakaoka as you consider her for the appointment to the Board of Radiologic Technology.

I have had the privilege of working with Mrs. Nakaoka while she served as Radiologic Technologist Program Coordinator, and presently the Clinical Education Coordinator at Kapi'olani Community. The Program is the sole provider of Radiologic Technologist training for the State of Hawai'i. Mrs. Nakaoka has successfully taken the program through two accreditation cycles by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

Mrs. Nakaoka's commitment to the radiologic profession is evident in the multiple roles she plays, as an educator, working mammographer, member of her professional societies and service on the Board.

What is most admirable about Mrs. Nakoka, is her integrity and solid character. She holds true to her word and does not compromise her values or sensibilities of what is right. Mrs. Nakaoka will take the time to listen to stakeholders and really learn about challenges, as well as stakeholder's ideas for solutions, while contributing her own innovative ideas. She is sincere and honest in all her professional relationships. When communicating with colleagues she is always calm, respectful and diplomatic.

I give my unwavering support to Mrs. Jodi Ann Nakaoka in this application and am confident that she will be a huge asset to the Board of Radiologic Technology and Hawai'i's community at-large.

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board?

A: I would like to give back to the trade and participate in the vetting process of Hawaii State elevator mechanic's licensing and ensure stringency in the interest of public safety.

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

A: To review license applications for completed requirements and provide input and feedback based on my expertise for possible revisions to the statutes regarding Elevator licensing.

- (3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Elevator Mechanics Licensing 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.

A: I have been in the elevator trade since 2005, starting as an apprentice then as a mechanic upon acquiring my Hawaii State Elevator license in 2010. I have worked on repair and upgrades for older equipment as well as modernization to new control and drive systems to meet current installation code on both elevators and escalators. My experience on these different aspects as well as with different companies and equipment manufacturers allows me a greater understanding of the different aspects of the trade. This experience helps me to understand the importance of proper training and the responsibility of public safety that comes with an Elevator Mechanic's license.

- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

A: I hope to build on the current statutes and provide input for improvements that will address issues regarding the licensing process and public safety.

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

A: Detail-oriented – in review of applications for elevator licenses; Fair – to uphold the committee's standards for review of applications as well as for aiding in implantation of changes to statutes; Insightful – to consider the impacts that my actions may have on other aspects and entities as a member of the licensing board.

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board member.

A: I currently hold a Qualified Elevator Inspector license which is one of the credentials required of the State Elevator inspectors. Maintenance of this license involves attending CE classes annually to review ASME code changes.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

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Evan Fong

Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

A: Any conflicts of interest should be resolved with focus in the interest of public safety, and, where acceptable and procedure does not dictate, resolved based on past practice.