

**Testimony of the Contractors License Board**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 637, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CLYDE HAYASHI,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Candace Ito, and I am the Executive Officer of the Contractors License Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Clyde Hayashi's appointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Hayashi has been an interim member since July 1, 2019. He has over 30 years of experience in labor and government relations. He is currently employed by the Hawaii Iron Workers' Stabilization Fund in government affairs.

Mr. Hayashi regularly attends meetings and continues to learn the Board's laws, rules, procedures and protocols. His consistent attendance of meetings and interest in serving on the Board will show the importance of the role of a public member in representing the interest of the consuming public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



May 12, 2020

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate

Re: Support for GM 637 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, CLYDE HAYASHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021

Aloha:

The Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club (PKHCC) **SUPPORTS** the nomination of Mr. Clyde Hayashi to be confirmed to the state Contractors License Board. PKHCC was organized to promote the education and social welfare of people of Hawaiian ancestry and objectives include supporting high ethical standards in business, industry, and the professional fields of enterprise. Mr. Hayashi is qualified to serve on the board, having demonstrated sound business judgement, good moral character, open-mindedness, and critical analytical thinking skills in his dealings with our organization. These skills would be a great addition to the Contractors License Board whose purpose, in part, is to "...grant licenses to ... contractors" and "...the protection of the general public" (Haw. Rev. Stat. § 444-4 Powers and Duties of the Board).

Mr. Hayashi has a lifetime of relevant life experience ranging from working with the National AFL-CIO; the Plasters and Cement Masons, Local 630; and the Hawai'i LECET Fund, a labor-management partnership between the Hawai'i Laborers' International Union of America, Local 368 and its more than 250 signatory employers.

Our organization has come to know the caliber of person that Mr. Hayashi is, given our mutual advocacy to make Hawai'i better for current and future generations. Although we have not always agreed with him on policies and positions, he genuinely cares about making Hawai'i better for all. In our mutual efforts to confront the public health issue of creating half-mile landfill buffer zones, we found Mr. Hayashi to be balanced in his approach, reasonable in verifying and weighing the facts, and open to the perspectives of all stakeholders.

For these reasons, we believe that Mr. Hayashi will continue to ensure that the safety of the public is paramount. He will be mindful of the most vulnerable among us, including our kūpuna and the underrepresented segments of the Native Hawaiian community, as he takes positions on matters before the board, and we support him.

Ke Aloha'āina,

Anthony Makana Paris  
Pelekikena

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May 12, 2020

Roz Baker, Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection and Health  
Senate  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Honorable Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Health:

Re: Strong Support for Clyde Hayashi – GM637 Contractors License Board

I would like to state that we are in strong support of Mr. Clyde Hayashi, to be on the Contractors License Board.

As in any other board or commission, the people of the State of Hawaii should welcome an individual who would bring a different perspective to the board's decision making process. Based on his varied background, Clyde, would bring such a perspective to the board's deliberations. Clyde is truly a man of honor, integrity and compassion. Professionally, Clyde has been at the forefront of multitude of planning and public trust issues in Hawaii. His perspective came from years at Pearl Shipyard to dealing with national issues as the state director for the National AFL-CIO.

Clyde has always been part of the community. His dedication to Hawaii can be seen through his leadership in various organizations. He truly believes that we must assist and better Hawaii for our future.

I strongly support Clyde Hayashi to be on the Contractors License Board. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**GM-637**

Submitted on: 5/8/2020 1:50:16 PM

Testimony for CPH on 5/13/2020 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**GM-637**

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 1:18:33 PM

Testimony for CPH on 5/13/2020 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeffrey Masatsugu	Testifying for Painters LMCF; Tapers MRF; Glaziers Stab Fund; Carpet & Soft Tile MRF	Support	No

Comments:



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May 12, 2020

The Honorable Roz Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health  
State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: SUPPORT for GM 637 Gubernatorial Nominee CLYDE HAYASHI**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the CPH Committee:

My name is Gino Soquena, Executive Director of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council. I would like to offer this letter in **STRONG SUPPORT** of CLYDE HAYASHI who is a Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii State Contractor License Board.

I have worked with Clyde Hayashi professionally for the past 14 years in the construction and labor industry. He has a great understanding of construction. Especially key issues pertaining to the construction industry. I always refer to him as a resource. I also have the honor of calling him a good friend.

Board Members for the Contractor License Board should have both knowledge and experience in construction and also an understanding of the individual trade crafts that each license represents. Clyde Hayashi qualifies in all of those aspects.

Clyde Hayashi would be an asset to the Contractor License Board. He is honest and a man of integrity. For these reasons I hope that this Committee agrees with my recommendation in appointing Clyde Hayashi to the Contractor License Board.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Gino Soquena  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council

Clyde T. Hayashi  
GM 637 - Contractors License Board Appointment

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

The CLB plays an important role in protecting the general public. The contractor license process requires applicants to go through an extensive process, including a test, before they are awarded a contractor license. Licensed contractors ensure that the public will be able to hire qualified contractors who will provide quality construction work, be properly bonded, and have the necessary insurance to back up all work.

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

As a public member, my main role and responsibility is to represent the public and strive to ensure public health and safety. The best way to do so is insuring that all contractors who are granted contractor licenses are qualified and meet all standards. Any applicant who isn't qualified should have their application denied. For bad licensed contractors, the CLB has the power to revoke contractor licenses and should do so to protect the public.

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

By ensuring qualified construction contractors, the general public will be protected. Buildings, bridges, highways, homes, etc. will be constructed to proper standards with properly trained craftsmen. This gives us the best assurance that we can avoid any building and bridges collapsing or other construction failures. If a consumer should need to hire a contractor, hiring a licensed contractor will mean the consumer should expect quality work. Should something unfortunately occur, a licensed contractor will have the bonding and insurance to cover any situation.

- (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 have previously served on other boards and I am familiar with how boards conduct business. I served as the State AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison (an AFL-CIO/Aloha United Way Partnership and on the Aloha United Way staff)

for 10 years and my knowledge of the health and human service community will help me in serving as a public member.

I have over 12 years of experience working in two labor-management stabilization/market recovery programs, Hawaii LECET and the Hawaii Iron Workers Stabilization Program. I also worked for a year as the government relations staff person for the Masons' Union, Local 630. These three positions have given me an understanding of the construction industry, the different trades, and the importance of licensed qualified contractors.

I worked 10 years as a boilermaker apprentice and a boilermaker mechanic in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. My experience working as a boilermaker and working with other shipyard trades will also help me as a CLB member.

For six years, I coached basketball at Palama Settlement in their Pakolea Program. I coached my daughter's and son's AYSO and HYSA youth soccer teams and Mililani Police Activities League basketball teams for over a decade.

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

The CLB provides a necessary and essential role in ensuring construction quality and safety. The CLB has ten experienced contractor members. On behalf of the general public and along with the other two public members, I hope to provide a perspective that will help balance the deliberations and ensure that the public welfare is always considered.

I hope to work with the other members of the CLB to finally update the CLB administrative rules.

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

Experienced, dedicated, and motivated.

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

Over the years, I have heard of story after story of my neighbors and friends who have been victims of non-licensed contractors and bad contractors. I know that the CLB and proper licensing of contractors is so critical to protect consumers.



- (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 do not foresee any conflicts of interest, but will rely on the guidance of the AG and CLB staff even if there is an appearance of conflict. For example, if iron worker management companies that are duly licensed come before the CLB, I will especially be sure that there is no conflict of interest. If a conflict of interest should occur, I would recuse myself from the deliberations and vote of that particular contractor applicant or contractor license.