

Testimony of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

**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. 681, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PHILLIP LUCERO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

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. Phillip Lucero's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Lucero has been a licensed electrician in Hawaii since January 1, 1992, as well as a licensed electrical contractor (C-13) since 2011, and both of his licensees are current, active, and in good standing. He was appointed to the Board on July 1, 2015, and has attended 24 out of 27 scheduled meetings since his appointment.

As an industry member, Mr. Lucero serves on the Applications Review Committee. In 2019, he was elected to serve as chairperson of the Board. He also serves as a subject matter expert for the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) Electricians Exam.

Mr. Lucero is an experienced and reliable board member, and his interest in continuing to serve on the Board, along with his 28 years of valuable experience in the industry, will continue to add to the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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May 9, 2020

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chairperson, Committee, Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 681: Confirmation of Philip Lucero to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

Honorable Rosalyn Baker:

As the Executive Director of the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH), I **highly recommend** the confirmation of Mr Philip Lucero's appointment for another term to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. Philip is a contractor member of ECAH and also the National Electrical Contractors' Association (NECA). Philip's knowledge of the electrical industry as a working contractor and licensed electrician has been and will continue to be a valuable asset to the Board of E&P. His greatest asset is his devotion to the industry. His participation in the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii demonstrates his dedication to the electrical construction industry

Philip serves as a trustee to the Hawaii Electricians Training Fund as well as the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for telecom apprentices. His passion to promote and protect the electrical construction industry is without question of the highest priority. Among all the members of the association, I cannot think of another individual who has the credentials and the willingness to give back to the industry by serving another term on the Board of E&P.

An approval for his confirmation would be in the best interest of the electrical construction industry, the construction industry in general and for the general safety & welfare of the State of Hawaii. Please approve the re-appointment of Philip Lucero to the Board of E&P.

Sincerely,

Al Itamoto

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Executive Director
Electrical Constructors Association of Hawaii,
A Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association



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May 11, 2020

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
AND HEALTH – Hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 9:30AM, Room 229

RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 681

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program (HEMEMP) is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 581 - the Gubernatorial Nominee PHILLIP LUCERO for the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

HEMEMP is a labor-management cooperative that advocates fair contracting and business practices, representing the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii and over 100 electrical contractors, as well as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 1186 and its 3,400 hard-working members.

Mr. Lucero has been a promoter of education, quality, and safety in the electrical construction field for nearly 30 years. Throughout this time, Mr. Lucero has successfully performed essential work and guided dozens of electricians and electrician apprentices on numerous projects throughout Hawaii. His knowledge and experience is second to none.

HEMEMP respectfully asks that this Committee consent to and confirm Mr. Lucero to serve the public and the electrical industry on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Sincerely,

Ryan Takahashi
Director of Compliance



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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
AND HEALTH

Hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 9:30a.m., Room 229

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 681 – MR. PHILLIP LUCERO

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Stanley Chang, and Committee Members:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186) represents over 3,400 members working in electrical construction, telecommunications, and with Spectrum. Our members include civil service employees at Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe, Hickam, and at every military installation in Hawaii. IBEW Local 1186 also partners with over 100 signatory electrical contracting companies that perform most of the electrical work in the State.

The IBEW 1186 SUPPORTS GM 681 and the appointment of the Governor's nominee, Phillip Lucero, to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Phillip Lucero, affectionately known to us as “Chico”, has been a leader in our industry for decades. He has been instrumental in decision making for the Hawaii Electricians Training Fund program – the most advanced training program for electrical workers in the State of Hawaii. The safety of the public and these workers, and the quality of work has always been at the forefront of his many contributions.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony, and ask the Committee to approve Phillip Lucero's appointment to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Sincerely,

Damien T.K. Kim
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary

May 11, 2020

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Senate District 6
Hawaii State Capital Rm 230
Honolulu, Hawaii

Aloha Ms. Baker,

Please consider reappointment of Phillip “Chico” Lucero to the Electricians and Plumbers Board. I have worked with Chico both on the field as electricians and as Board members of the E&P. All of the years that I have known him he has shown a willingness to listen, be have a open mind, to make a fair and equatable decision. As a electrician he is well versed is all aspects of the electrical industry, from planning and design through installation to completion.

I believe Chico has been and will continue to be an excellent and knowledgeable member of the E&P Board.

In Solidarity,

Peter Akamu
Chairman, E&P Board 2014-2019
President, IBEW Local 1186 2008-2017
Electrician EJ-4250

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May 8, 2020

Senator Roz Baker
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 203
Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Senator Baker:

It is with great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Phillip Lucero for the position of Chair Person for the State Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board. As a sibling I watch him grow to the successful man he is today.

He can be described as someone who is known for his integrity and outstanding working relationship with the members within his field of work throughout the years. He rose to the occasion in the later half of his career leading Electricians, Inc. into the third largest electrical firm in Honolulu. Once he reached this goal, I watch him start his own firm grow into a small successful business with may repeat and loyal customers. This type of relationship is built on trust, a working partnership with his clients, his expert knowledge in the field of electrical work, and a budding relationship.

I have watched him work side-by-side with the electrical engineers, working on complex projects. This team effort is priceless. Both parties brainstorming and conferring on what the right outcome should be.

It is for all these qualities that I feel will help him lead as a Chair Person for the State Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board. I have no doubt he will be on asset on the board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at lima4fa@gmail.com or 808-383-2116.

Sincerely,



Fidela A. Lima



May 11th, 2020

Senator Roz Baker
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 203
Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing this recommendation on behalf of Phillip Lucero for a Chair Person position for the State of Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board.

I have known Phillip my entire life, not only as my father but as a role model, entrepreneur, and leader. Throughout his years, he has progressed from apprentice to Co-President of Electricians Inc through hard work, commitment, and dedication. After his career at Electricians Inc, Phillip challenged himself and created his own company, Preferred Electricians Inc. Not an easy task in such a competitive field, his reputation of quality work and strong relationships helped him create a successful company. There has been countless times where I've ran into people that know Phillip, whom have nothing but good things to say about his work and are amazed by his accomplishments and generosity.

In his spare time, he is nothing but productive. Finding time to serve as a board member for the Electricians and Plumbers Licensing board, volunteer for charity fundraisers, and staying active at the gym or surfing.

I believe these accomplishments and qualities Phillip embodies will be perfectly suited as a Chair Person position for the State of Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laren Lucero".

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- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
To apply my knowledge and experience in the Trades for the State of Hawaii
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? To provide the State of Hawaii with Professional License Trade Worker and installations.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? To provide a State License Trade Professional
- (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 served on the E&P Board for one term and would like to continual. I'm currently serving as acting Chair. I'm License as a Electrical Journeyman and Contractor. I serve as a Contractor Trustee to oversee the Electrical Apprenticeship Training.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
To provide Safety to the Public and their Property
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
Honesty, Fairness and Knowledge
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
A good understanding of the Professional Trades for the Public, Private and Government

- (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?