

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. 690, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LESLIE ISEMOTO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

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. Leslie Isemoto's reappointment to the Board as a general contractor member.

Mr. Isemoto has been licensed since November 7, 1997, and he holds general engineering and general building contractor's licenses. He is the principal responsible managing employee of Isemoto Contracting Co Ltd., and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Isemoto has served on the Board since January 19, 2016, and is currently the co-chairperson of the Board's Scope of Activity Committee. He is a dedicated and responsible member who is prepared to discuss matters on each meeting agenda. Having previously served on the Board, he understands the purpose of the Board and contributes his institutional knowledge to the Board's discussions. Mr. Isemoto's expertise as a contractor with more than 30 years of experience in the construction industry allows him to provide meaningful and straightforward insight, which contributes greatly to the Board's discussions.

Mr. Isemoto's experience as a contractor, commitment, interest in serving on the Board, and desire to contribute to the community make him invaluable to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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THE SENATE
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY ON GM 690

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368, its' 5000+ members and its' 250+ unionized contractors. The Laborers' International Union of North America is the largest construction union in the United States.

Hawaii LECET supports GM 690, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE ISEMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2022. Mr. Isemoto has valuable experience and knowledge in the area of construction and contracting, having over 30 years of experience in the construction industry as an "A" General Engineering and "B" General Building Contractor on the Island of Hawaii. Currently, Mr. Isemoto is the President and RME of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd., where he is responsible for company revenues, staff training and development, cost controls, and trade-craft and client/vendor relationships.

Mr. Isemoto is also very committed to community service, currently serving as the President of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii. He is also on the Contractors License Board and Board of Directors for the Hawaii Island Contractors Association. He previously served as their Past President and is a former Vice Chair of the Contractors License Board and past Chairman of the Waiakea Settlement YMCA. In addition, Mr. Isemoto is a member of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce and Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports Mr. Isemoto's confirmation to the Contractors License Board. His experience and knowledge of the intricacies involved in working in the construction industry is invaluable and his commitment to serving the community is commendable.

With respect,

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust



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The Hawaii Laborers' Union represents over 5,000 hard working and retired men and women throughout the State of Hawaii and we support Gubernatorial Nominee to the Contractors Licensing Board, LESLIE ISEMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Mr. Isemoto has valuable experience and knowledge in the area of construction and contracting, having over 30 years of experience in the construction industry as an "A" General Engineering and "B" General Building Contractor on the Island of Hawaii. Currently, Mr. Isemoto is the President and RME of Isemoto Contracting Company, Ltd., where he is responsible for company revenues, staff training and development, cost controls, and trade-craft and client/vendor relationships.

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TO: HONORABLE SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 690: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
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Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for GM 690.

GM-690

Submitted on: 5/11/2020 11:58:00 AM

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Michael Soto | Testifying for HGCA | Support | No |

Comments:

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Respectfully,

Michael Soto, Legislative Committee Hawai'i-GCA

May 11, 2020

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2020

Re: Testimony in favor of GM690

Dear Chair Baker and members of the committee,

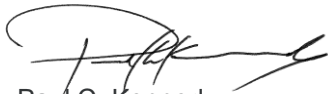
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Sincerely,



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Submitted on: 5/11/2020 12:06:29 PM

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|---------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Michael Venezia | Testifying for Hensel Phelps Construction Co. | Support | No |

Comments:

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May 11, 2020

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Stanley Chang, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Re: Governors Message **GM 690: Strong Support** of the Confirmation of **Leslie Isemoto** to the Contractors Licensing Board

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

TIME: 9:30am

PLACE: Conference Room 229

The Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I am Lance Inouye, President of Ralph S Inouye Co, Ltd (RSI), a HI General Contractor and member of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA). I am writing in **strong support** of **Leslie Isemoto**, President and Responsible Managing Employee (RME) of Isemoto Contracting Co, Ltd, who is reapplying for the general contractor position on the Contractors Licensing Board (CLB).

I have known Leslie for well over 15 years through his active involvement in our industry. He has twice been President of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association (HICA), an affiliate of the Associated General Contractors of America, and a sister association of GCA. He has served admirably on the HICA Board since 1997. He has been elected and now serves as President of our GCA, a significant acknowledgement of his value to our industry.

His company, Isemoto Contracting Co, Ltd, is a multi-generational family owned company started in 1926, and has grown to be one of the biggest and best in the Island of Hawaii, thanks in no small part to Leslie's leadership and guidance. Leslie has been with the company since 1972 and has been its President and RME since 1997. Hence, Leslie is well versed in the details of the Contractors License Law, HRS Chapter 444 and its rules codified in HAR Title 16, Chapter 77. In fact, Leslie served once before on the CLB from 1998 through 2006, and is a valuable resource of its past history and rulings on issues that come before the Board.

The CLB plays an important role in the construction industry. It is tasked with adopting rules and regulations regarding the classifications of contractors; enforcing those rules and regulations, and approving new licenses or suspending current licenses to protect the public. Leslie is not only well-qualified to serve on the CLB but also, would be a valuable resource person for its members.

Accordingly, RSI and I personally are in **strong support** of the reappointment of **Leslie Isemoto** to the CLB and respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment to serve.

Sincerely,

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May 11, 2020

Dear Chair Baker and members of the committee,

Strong support for GM 690

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Mr. Isemoto has been and will continue to be a welcome asset to the Contractor's Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frances Kama-Silva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ms. Frances Kama-Silva
President
Henry's Equipment Rental & Sales, Inc.

To: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From: Michael D. Formby, Executive Director
Pacific Resource Partnership
1100 Alakea Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 690—Consideration and Confirmation to the Contractor License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee
Mr. Leslie Isemoto—**STRONG SUPPORT**.
Hearing date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Hearing time: 9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 229

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

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support** of GM 690, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Contractor License Board (CLB), Gubernatorial Nominee, Leslie Isemoto, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Mr. Isemoto's commitment to public service, extensive knowledge of the construction industry, leadership of one of most successful and well-respected contracting companies on Hawaii island, ability to work effectively with industry professionals, prior service as a member of the CLB, and personal integrity renders him well suited to continue serving the construction industry on the CLB.

Therefore, PRP is pleased to offer our strong support for Mr. Isemoto's confirmation to the CLB.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Formby
Pacific Resource Partnership





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TO: HONORABLE SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 690: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, LESLIE ISEMOTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

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Dear Chair Baker and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. for appointment to the Contractors License Board. Mr. Isemoto has been working in the construction industry for over forty years and has been a contributing community member on the island of Hawaii. Mr. Isemoto is also an active member with the Hawaii Island Contractors Association and the General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

I have known Mr. Isemoto for over 20 years, both as a competitor, during my years at Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc., and as a volunteer with organizations like the General Contractors Association of Hawaii and Hawaii Island Contractors Association. I can personally attest to his industry knowledge, character, and integrity.

Mr. Isemoto has over thirty years of experience in the "A" general engineering and "B" general building licensing areas and has been directly involved in management, estimating, project management, and equipment acquisition and repairs. I strongly support the appointment of Leslie Isemoto to the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,

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Glenn M. Nohara
President



Alan Shintani INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR ABC 13068

May 11, 2020

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VICE CHAIR, AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER
PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 690, APPOINTMENT OF LESLIE
ISEMOTO, CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD, STATE OF HAWAII:
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors
License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Leslie Isemoto, for a term to
expire 06-30-2022

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee,

Alan Shintani, Inc. has been providing general contracting and construction management services for homes, commercial buildings, and government projects for over 37 years.

I am writing to you today in support of Leslie Isemoto's nomination to the Contractors License Board. He is currently the President of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. and holds several licenses for different scopes of work. Mr. Isemoto is the RME for Isemoto Contracting Co. Ltd. on the island of Hawaii. He has over twenty-nine years of experience in the "A" general engineering and "B" general building licensing areas. He is well versed in all aspects of the construction industry and has been directly involved in human resource management, estimating, project management, and equipment acquisition and repairs.

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I support Leslie Isemoto's nomination and I respectfully request your support of Governor's Message 690. Thank you for considering my support of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Alan Shintani
President



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Dear Chair Baker and members of the committee,

I proudly support GM 690.

I have worked with Mr. Isemoto and Isemoto Contracting Co. when I worked and lived on the Big Hawaii. He is very knowledgeable and is one of the most highly thought of contractors in Hawaii.

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Stephen E. Joseph
Vice President
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May 11, 2020

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HONORABLE SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

RE: SUPPORT OF GM 690: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE
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Jason Pang
Preconstruction Services Manager



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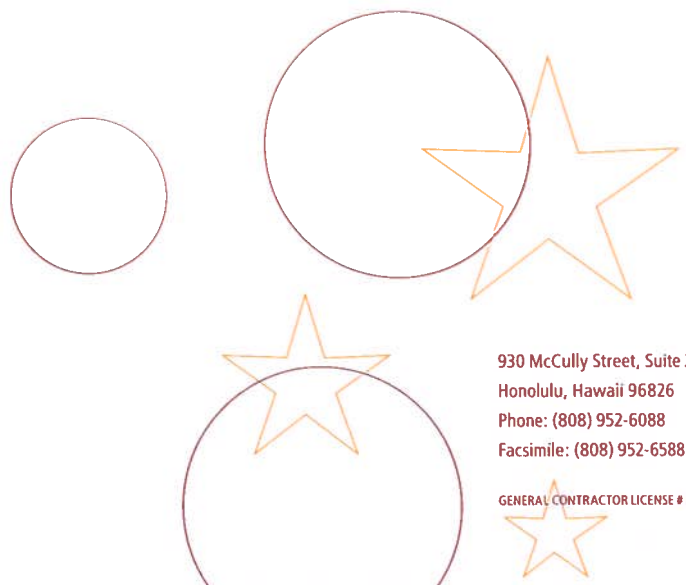
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Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for GM 690.

Sincerely,

Theodore K. Taketa
President & CEO



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S & M Sakamoto, Inc.


Dale S. Yoneta
President

GM-690

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 11:42:19 AM

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| Justin Barrios | Testifying for Backyard Monkey LLC | Support | No |

Comments:

Dear Rosalyn Baker and all members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

On behalf of Backyard Monkey LLC, it is my pleasure to support Leslie Isemoto for the Contractors Licensing Board. Mr. Isemoto has contributed countless volunteer hours to support the construction community through his involvement with the Hawaii Island Contractors Association and the General Contractors Association of Hawai'i.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter testifies my support in the nomination of Lesile Isemoto as a general contractor member for the Contractor's License Board. I met Leslie through business relations with the construction industry. As the current President of Hawaii Contractors Association, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Leslie. He is currently a Board of Directors member and a past President of the Hawaii Contractors Association. With his vast knowledge and expertise, he has been a vital asset to our association and our monthly meetings.

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Sincerely,

Eleot Kaipo
President, Hawaii Contractor's Association

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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senator Roslyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

RE: GM690 Leslie Isemoto

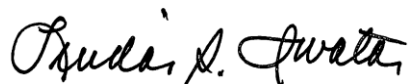
Dear Senators:

I am in support of Leslie Isemoto's consideration to the Contractors License Board for the term expiring June 30, 2022.

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Please consider him on being a member of the Contractors License Board. He will certainly be an asset.

Mahalo,



Linda S. Iwata
Vice President



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06-30-2022**

Hearing

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Very truly yours,

Leslie Isemoto, President



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Nordic PCL Construction, Inc. was founded in Honolulu in 1938 and stands as one of the oldest kama'aina construction companies. The breadth of our construction services includes but is not limited to high-rise residential and office buildings, educational institutions, healthcare, retail, and military construction.

I have had the privilege of serving on the board of directors of the General Contractors Association (GCA) with Mr. Isemoto who is currently the president of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. while serving as a representative of the local construction industry as the 2020 president of GCA. While he is involved in monitoring and influencing legislative issues that affect construction, Les has more importantly served on the Contractors Licensing Board (CLB). His wealth of knowledge and experience gained from his past service on the CLB will serve the industry well. Les is dedicated to unselfishly serving the GCA and the CLB to help improve the working environment within the local construction industry.

Nordic PCL strongly supports Les Isemoto's consideration and confirmation to the CLB.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support for GM 690.

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Glen Kaneshige

President



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We support GM 690.

Mr. Isemoto is currently the President of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. and holds a number of licenses for different scopes of work. Mr. Isemoto is the Responsible Managing Employee for Isemoto Contracting Co. Ltd. on the island of Hawaii and has over twenty-nine years of experience in the "A" general engineering and "B" general building licensing areas. He is well versed in all aspects of the construction industry and has been directly involved in human resource management, estimating, project management, and equipment acquisition and repairs.

Mr. Isemoto's background, knowledge of the Contractors Licensing Board and past service on the board all qualify him for appointment. Mr. Isemoto is a diligent professional with a broad range of private sector experience and a demonstrated commitment to the community that we believe will be beneficial to the board.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for GM 690.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Majkut', is written over the typed name.

J. Majkut
President

GM-690

Submitted on: 5/12/2020 3:03:11 PM

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

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Brian Ninomoto | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am writing this in support of Leslie Isemoto for conformation to the Hawaii Contractors License Board. Leslie has many years of experience as a general contractor and has insight and knowledge associated with the different trades and license categories.

As President of the Hawaii General Contractors Association and serving on the Hawaii Island Contractors Association board of directors for many years, Leslie most defiantly a cornerstone in our industry, and must be considered for this position.

Thank you

Brian K Ninomoto, President Hawaii Sheetmetal & Mechanical Inc/ Past President HICA

Submitted on 5/12/2020 @ 11:42AM.

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Response from Leslie Isemoto, nominee for Contractors License Board

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

I have been encouraged by many industry professionals and associations to represent the Island of Hawaii on the Contractor's License Board. As Hawaii Island's largest general contractor, performing both heavy civil and building construction, I have the experience and knowledge to provide the Board a wide perspective of our construction industry and general public concerns. As a past license board member, I enjoyed the learning experience on the roles and duties of the Contractors License Board and wish to continue learning and contributing, in the best interest of the Public.

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

To protect the general public by granting contractors license to qualified individuals, suspend or revoke licenses for cause, provide information for contractors license, and to carry out rules and practices for contractors, pursuant to Chapter 444 and 16-77, HRS.

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

As a general engineering, general building and specialty subcontractor, engaged in very large and small, private and public sector projects, I have the experience in the many facets of construction. This experience will help me work with other industry professionals to improve our rules and practices to protect the consumer.

- (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.

In my 30 plus years in the construction industry, I have encountered many conflicts with quality of work and trade disputes. As past president and board member of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association, current President of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, and board member of other associations and non-profit organization, I am knowledgeable on conducting fair and open meetings with Roberts Rules of Order. I am not afraid to speak up at meetings or in public.

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

The Contractors License Board needs to update its license classifications and descriptions, pursuant to “The Report of the Contractors License Board” in response to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 84, Senate Draft 1 Regular Session 2013, and subsequent Proposed Amendments to HAR Chapter 16-77 in response to S.C.R. No. 84, S.D. 1 (SLH 2013). The Contractors License Board is continuing to receive public input at our monthly board meetings. I have provided comments and recommendations on some unintended consequential language changes. I hope we can accomplish all the rules revisions and amendments by the end of 2020.

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

Fair, honest and experienced. The Contractors License Board makes many decisions on adoption of rules and regulations, type of work allowed by general and specialty trade classifications of work, and approval or suspension of contractor’s licenses. As a general contractor and subcontractor, I have the experience in a wide range of a license classification and scope of work. I am able to make fair and honest decisions based on my 30 plus years in the construction industry.

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As a Board member during the Hawaii Supreme Court decision in 2002 in Okada Trucking Co. Ltd. v. Board of Water Supply, et al., I am very aware of the fall out and license requires the decision cast over the construction industry. This will help me to provide better decision making on scope determination issues.

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Yes, Isemoto Contracting’s core business is public works projects for the State of Hawaii and County of Hawaii. We have been involved with many projects involving bid protest and/or award due to licensing requirements. There have been a few occasions that required Contractors’ License Board decisions for and against Isemoto Contracting. As a past board member, I reclude myself from voting on any Board action that involves of benefits Isemoto Contracting, and I will do the same if I am confirmed as a Board member.

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