

GM613  
William Lee  
Pest Control Board

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Pest Control Board?

I feel I can make a difference, offering positive experiences, relationships, and vision to help strengthen the economy and communities of Hawai'i.

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

Rule making, licensing authority, promote public interest.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Pest Control 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.

Having been born and raised on the Big Island I have a passion for my community and the pest control industry. Because we provide island-wide services, I have met a diversity of people, many of whom are recurring customers, with whom I have established positive and constructive relationships. I pride myself on assisting them in addressing short- and long-term pest concerns. It is these types of experiences and relationships that I believe qualify me to serve as a member of the Pest Control Board. I am convinced it is an asset to have a board member who can relate to a vast range of community members.

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

Help to uphold the standards of the industry and educating our community and fellow pest control operators about the importance of what we provide as a whole. I work in the field and handle the relations with home and business owners, realtors, and contractors. There are areas within our industry and reports we provide that could be slightly tweaked to help transactions flow smoother. I also would like to see our industry continue to practice safe industry standards. People tend to have a perception that all we do is spray pesticides but we do so much more that helps our community live in a safe environment and I would like to help promote the positives of what we offer.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Pest Control Board.

Hard working, team player and good communicator. During these trying times, I feel I can make a difference, offering positive experiences, relationships, and vision to help strengthen the economy and communities of Hawai'i.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Pest Control Board member.

I have been on numerous Boards and have seen first hand how different they can be based on the other members and how they interact with each other. A good Board

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member knows when to apply common sense, raise questions of concern and compromise and I bring these qualities along with 20+ years of industry experience to the Board.

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

I don't see any possible conflicts of interest while being a member of this board. If conflicts occur I will use good judgment and fairness and if needed recuse myself.



DAVID Y. IGE  
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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
9:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 613, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE PEST CONTROL BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM LEE,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Mr. William Lee to the Pest Control Board (Board) as a licensee member. Mr. Lee was first appointed to the Board on an interim basis on January 11, 2020.

Mr. Lee has been licensed as a pest control operator in Hawaii since July 18, 2006, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. He has over 20 years of experience in the pest control industry and owns a termite and pest company in Hilo that was established in 2007 and now employs 15 full-time employees.

Mr. Lee has extensive and varied experience serving on boards, including serving as the vice president of the Hawaii Island Contractor's Association, grounds

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committee chair for the Hilo Yacht Club, and former president of the Hawaii Island Portuguese Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Lee's professional experience and membership on various boards will offer a meaningful perspective to the Board. In addition, his desire to serve on the Board and commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness in assisting consumers and licensees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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March 4, 2021

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

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 613: CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE PEST CONTROL BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM LEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Hearing

DATE: Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members of the committee,

My name is Leslie Isemoto, President of Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. I support Gubernatorial Nominee, GM613; William Lee, confirmation to the Pest Control Board.

I have known Mr. Lee for several years and performs pest and vegetation controls on our projects. He is past president and current board member of the Hawaii Island Contractors Association. He is fair, open and professional in his business and matters of the Hawaii Island Contractor Association.

Mr. Lee's experience and knowledge will provide diversity on the Pest Control Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support of GM613; William Lee.

Sincerely,

Leslie Isemoto, President

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Submitted on: 3/5/2021 3:52:34 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/10/2021 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joseph Marsh	Testifying for Business Insurance Services Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in Support of William Lee for the appointment on the board of the State Pest Control Board. I have know William for the past 10 years on a business level and personal level. He is one of the hardest working, dedicated, and reliable professionals I have met. He started his company with his wife and they have become the #1 Pest control company on Hawaii Island. He has also joined me on numerous boards here in the community and his ability to lead and advise has helped numerous groups. Since he started his company from the bottom up, he understands every aspect of the pest control business and customers needs, I honestly believe he can think like the insects at times seeing how and where he finds them in peoples homes. He will serve the State Level with Honor, Dignity, Respect, and Honesty.

Thank you for your time,

Joseph Marsh, President of Joe Marsh Insurance Services Hawaii Inc.



## HAWAII ISLAND CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

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March 5, 2021

Via email: [baker4@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:baker4@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Honorable David Ige  
Governor, State of Hawaii  
Sharon Ibarra  
Director of Board and Commissions  
Office of the Governor  
Boards and Commissions  
Executive Chambers  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

### **RE: In Support of the Nomination of Will Lee for Position on the Pest Control Board**

Dear Governor Ige,

The Hawaii Island Contractors' Association is the voice of the construction industry on Hawaii Island. Established in 1961, we provide industry support, education and advocacy to our members. We are comprised of over 130 contractors, subcontractors and industry support professionals and we work to build bridges to opportunities for those in the contracting industry.

The Hawaii Island Contractors' Association is writing in support of Will Lee. Will is applying for the Pest Control position on the board for the State of Hawaii Board and Commissions. He is the owner of Will Kill Termites and Pests LLC. and has first-hand knowledge of over 20+ years in the pest control industry. He is not only a member of our organization but has been serving on our Board of Directors since 2017 and is our current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

The Hawaii Island Contractors' Association strongly supports his appointment.

Sincerely,

  
Justin Barrios  
HICA President



## TAKAMINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

March 5, 2021

Re: GM613 Nomination of William Lee to the Pest Control Board

The Honorable David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawaii  
Executive Chambers  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Governor Ige,

My name is Craig Takamine. I am the President of Takamine Construction a local general contracting firm that my wife Audrey and I founded in 2003. Being born and raised in Hilo, I have a great appreciation for our island values, our local culture, and the natural beauty of Hawai'i Island.

I would like to write a letter of support for Gubernatorial Nominee William Lee for the Board of Director seat for the Pest Control Board. I have personally known Will for 19 years. He is well-respected and an active leader in our community. Will is a family man, has amazing work ethics, and leads by example. He is knowledgeable in his field of work and truly cares about our community. Will would be a great asset to the Pest Control Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig S. Takamine".

Craig S. Takamine  
President  
Takamine Construction, Inc.



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Submitted on: 3/9/2021 9:38:27 AM

Testimony for CPN on 3/10/2021 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Begier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support William Lee's nomination to the Pest Control Board. Will has worked hard to build a reputable company in a competitive environment. He has raised the bar on the standard of professionalism in our market place. Not only has he built a company that provides excellent and timely service but he gives back to the community by volunteering and encouraging his employees to volunteer in civic and non-profit activities. Thank you for the opportunity to support William Lee to serve our state.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2021 12:13:15 PM

Testimony for CPN on 3/10/2021 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kona Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Will Lee for many years, both in a personal and professional capacity. As a community member, father & husband, and business leader, Will has shown the highest integrity and has earned my trust and respect without reservation. Will has comported himself with honor and dignity at all times, and would be an asset to the community via this position. I support this nomination and ask you to consider doing the same; the community will be better served with Will Lee serving on the Pest Control Board. Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kona Moran