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Dear Ms. Leisek:

Below are my answers to the questions as you requested.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Contractors License Board?

I have been a Hawaii state licensed landscape contractor for 40 years and a Hawaii state licensed general contractor for 25 years. All of the work I have conducted under these licenses has been in the state of Hawaii. I believe I can provide experiential knowledgeable input to the responsibilities required of being a Board member.

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

While HRS Chapter 436B Professional and Vocational Licensing Act, §436B-7 Powers and Duties of Licensing Authority clearly outline the role and responsibilities I would be bound to as a member of the Contractors License Board, I would emphasize public safety as a constant focus of all undertakings I would be involved in if elected to the Board.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Contractors License 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 been a licensed landscape contractor since 1981 and a licensed general contractor since 1996 in the State of Hawaii, and have conducted contracting work primarily on Kauai, with occasional work done on Hawaii and Maui. Our company has done both small contracting work (under \$2,500) to large multi-million dollar contracts requiring coordination with multiple trade contractors. I believe this experience of understanding the needs of outer-

island contracting, as well as understanding details involved in both small and large construction projects gives me a unique perspective that I can share as a Board member.

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

During my term of service, I hope to provide the board with experiential knowledge and input to address situations unique to outer-island contractors and construction project owners.

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

1. Even-tempered: I will have respectful interaction with other Board members as well as others outside the board
2. Objective: I will assess issues fairly and without prejudice
3. Attention to detail: I will collect and analyze as much pertinent information before providing my input.

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

While not a single event, my previous experiences with working on large projects with other trade contractors provides me with knowledge of the needs and issues regarding many different trade contractors. I would believe that this knowledge would provide a unique perspective for the Board to utilize.

I was previously on the State of Hawaii Advisory Committee on Pesticides for a 4-year term from 2005 to 2009. I have been an active board member of the Contractors Association of Kauai for many years and have been the President for two terms.

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

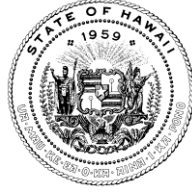
The only issue that I may see as a conflict of interest would be if a Board discussion directly affects an individual or entity that I am personally or professionally associated with. While I did list being objective as a quality that would benefit the Board and would be objective in my discussion, I would recuse myself from the specific matter if other Board members would be hesitant in my involvement.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the Contractor Board.

Sincerely,



Jerry Nishek
Corporate Treasurer



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 9, 2021
9:20 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 773, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JERRY NISHEK,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

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. Jerry Nishek to the Contractors License Board (Board) as a licensee member.

Mr. Nishek has been licensed as a contractor since September 20, 1996, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. Since 1979, he has been the general manager and corporate treasurer of Kauai Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., where he oversees the daily operations of 90 employees and provides services in: wholesale and retail nursery; irrigation, planting, and hardscapes installation; tree trimming, relocation, and removal; and landscape design and consultation. Mr. Nishek is educated in general building, general engineering, stone masonry, and landscaping. In addition, he

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serves as secretary of the Contractor's Association of Kauai and previously served as president.

Mr. Nishek's professional experience and nursery and landscaping knowledge will offer a meaningful perspective to the Board. In addition, his commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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April 7, 2021

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawai'i State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

RE: Letter of Support for **Jerry Nishek** to the
Contractors Licensing Board (GM 773)

I'm Jacquelyn K. Contrades, President of the hundred member Contractors Association of Kaua'i (CAK) submitting this letter of support for Jerry Nishek to the Contractors Licensing Board representing Kaua'i county.

Mr. Nishek has been a licensed general contractor (license #ABC-10825) for 25 years during which time he has been a Responsible Managing Employee (RME) for Kaua'i Nursery and Landscaping, a Kaua'i based construction firm.

Mr. Nishek is an active member of our island community. He has served as President of the Contractors Association of Kaua'i and currently serves as the Board Secretary. He also serves on the Council of the Lihu'e Lutheran Church. He was also a long time member of the East Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation District and in the past served as the Kaua'i representative on the State Pesticide Advisory Council. Jerry was also affiliated with the Boy Scout program as a Scoutmaster for his son's troop.

We believe Mr. Nishek will bring a neighbor island perspective to the board along with a skill set of being a general contractor as well as a sub-contractor.

The Contractors Association of Kaua'i and its Board of Directors supports Jerry Nishek's nomination to be a member of the Contractors Licensing Board.

April 5, 2021

**Letter of Recommendation
for
Jerry Nishek
Applicant to be a Member of the Contractors Licensing Board**

Aloha,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Jerry Nishek, who is applying for a position on the Contractors Licensing Board representing Kaua'i County.

I have known and worked with Mr. Nishek professionally for nearly 30 years in my capacity as Executive Director for the Contractors Association of Kaua'i (CAK).

Besides being an RME for Kaua'i Nursery and Landscaping (License #ABC-10825) where he is the general manager, Mr. Nishek is an active volunteer in our community. His demeanor, coupled with experience and expertise has made him a sought after volunteer. He is a past president of The Contractors Association of Kaua'i (CAK) and is currently the Board's secretary. He makes the time to actively participate in the association's projects, from the annual Home Show to the Scholarship Golf Tournament. He has also been a member of the East Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation District and was also the Kaua'i representative on the State Pesticide Advisory Council. He was also affiliated with the Boy Scouts as a Scoutmaster for his son's troop, and is currently on the council of the Lihu'e Lutheran Church.

Mr. Nishek will bring a wide range of skill set to the Contractors Licensing Board and we believe will be an asset to the CLB. I highly recommend Jerry Nishek for appointment by Governor Ige to represent Kaua'i County and our construction industry and contractors. If you need more information please feel free to contact me at 1-808-246-2662.

Sincerely,

CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF KAUA'I



Karen Taketa
Executive Director



February 8, 2021

To: State Of Hawaii
Boards and Commissions

I have known Jerry Nishek for over 25 years both personally and professionally as a landscape subcontractor. He will serve well on the contractor's license board as his good character and fair dealing with the public are a great asset in the community. He has also been a member the Contractors Association of Kauai for 25+ years in different capacities including President 2 years and serving in many committees.

Jerry also has an extensive background in serving the community including Soil & Water Conservation Board, State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Advisory and others including helping with the Boy Scouts.

He is also presently serving as president of the Lihue Lutheran Church Council and has volunteered in many community service projects benefitting the people of Kauai.

I believe Jerry will greatly benefit the people of Hawaii serving as a member of the Contractor's License Board.

Sincerely,

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