

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

It is an opportunity to serve the People of Hawai'i.

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

To work with Board Members and Administration to ensure that the Health & Welfare of the General public is never compromised.

- (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.

My knowledge, understanding and application of the HRS & Administrative rules that govern the Contractors Licensing Board will protect the Safety & Welfare of the General public.

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

Protect the Safety & Welfare of the General public.

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

Honesty, Integrity and Knowledgeable.

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

Worked with individuals in the spirit of co-operation to reach a fair and equal decision.

- (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?

Possibility? I would first disclose the possible conflict to the Board Members and Staff, then seek legal councils' advice, and if I couldn't be fair & impartial in my decision making, I would recuse myself from the matter.

Testimony of the Contractors License Board

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

**On the following measure:
G.M. 774, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOSEPH O'DONNELL,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

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 reappointment of Mr. Joseph O'Donnell's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. O'Donnell has been serving on the Board since July 2019 and has attended 15 out of 15 board meetings. He has been employed by the Ironworkers Union Local 625 for over 30 years and is currently the financial secretary-treasurer and business manager.

Mr. O'Donnell has a history of public service, having served on the Department of Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Liaison Committee, the Hawaii Commission on National and Community Services, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division Advisory Committee, and the Honolulu Liquor Commission.

Mr. O'Donnell continues to learn the Board's laws, rules, procedures, and protocols. He has a desire to serve and contribute to the community, as shown by his regular attendance at board meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Re: Recommendation of Joseph V. O'Donnell for the Contractor License Board

Dear Senator Baker:

I respectfully submit this letter of recommendation for Joe O'Donnell to be reappointed to the Hawaii Contractor License Board. I have known Joe for over 25 years in his position as the Financial Secretary and Business Manager of the Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local 625, as well as in his role as a trustee for the pension, health and welfare and other employee benefit trust funds maintained by the union for its members. I work closely with Joe in my position as trust fund attorney. As trustee, Joe is responsible for overseeing the investment and management of millions of dollars of plan assets and assuring that union members and their families receive pension benefits, healthcare coverage and other employee benefits from the trust funds.

Joe's position as trustee requires integrity, business knowledge, high ethics and avoidance of conflicts of interest. All of these attributes will, in my opinion, allow Joe to continue being an effective and productive member of the Contractor License Board.

I have appeared before the Contractor License Board on behalf of clients that our law firm represents, and I am familiar with its operations and the amount of time commitment required of its members. Based on my experience with the Contractor License Board, I fully support Joe's reappointment.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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