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David Kamakea III

Board of Electricians and Plumbers

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers?

To give back to the industry that I have been fortunate to be a part of for the last 29 years.

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

To ensure that high standards of the trades are maintained by qualified individuals seeking licensing.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Electricians and Plumbers 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 plumber for the last 29 years and have worked alongside other tradesman in the industry along with licensed electricians. I am well aware of how crucial the licensing requirements are in maintaining a qualified pool of licensed individuals to keep everyone safe.

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

Having both field and office experience dealing with all aspects of overseeing successful jobs provides me with hands on skills that directly relate to the licensing board.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

Commitment, integrity and the ability to work in difficult situations.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Electricians and Plumbers member

My time as a training coordinator for Local 675 Union Plumber and Pipefitters of Hawaii.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers? No conflicts foreseen. How would you overcome conflicts of interest? Assess and take steps to correct any conflict of interest in short order.



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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. 780, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DAVID KAMAKEA III,  
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. David Kamakea III to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (Board) as a licensee member.

Mr. Kamakea has been licensed as a journeyman plumber since May 26, 1998, and as a contractor since October 1, 2018. Both of his licenses are current, valid, and in good standing. Since 2017, Mr. Kamakea has served as a plumbing/pipefitter superintendent for HSI Mechanical, where he ensures compliance of construction with drawings and specifications, and coordinates and schedules the daily activities of employees and subcontractors. Previously, Mr. Kamakea worked as a foreman for the power and industrial division of Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc., and was an assistant training coordinator for the PAMCAH-UA Local 675 labor union.

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Mr. Kamakea's decades-long experience in the plumbing and pipefitting industries 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.

April 2, 2021

To: Committee on Commerce, Contractor License Board (Electricians and Plumbers)

RE: Nomination of David K Kamakea III

Dear Committee Members,

Please accept my endorsement for the nomination of David K Kamakea III to the Contractors Licensing Board. In my opinion, David is an ideal candidate for this selection, with the leadership skills, intellect, strength and work ethic to make a permanent impact as a member of the Plumber's and Electrician's licensing arm.

Our careers crossed paths as apprentices in the plumbing trade back in 1994. I have maintained a close professional relationship with him for in excess of 25 years. Although we started at the same company initially, we each ended up working for different mechanical contractors through the years and always stay connected and communicated often about our work and the industry.

His acumen and capabilities are regularly sought after by his colleagues and the employees he manages. I am absolutely convinced that David's background and experience as supervisor as well as training coordinator with Local 675 Plumbers and Fitters Union will serve the board well and allow for his immense potential to be further achieved. David encourages cooperation and is steadfast on maintaining a work ethic unmatched by others. He will be committed to continuously advancing high standards of the licensed trades.

In summary, I cannot think of many individuals that display the leadership, compassion, character, and integrity than David K Kamakea III. In his important roles within the plumbing industry and construction in general to his commitment to his wife and two sons, you could not ask for a more well-rounded individual for this critical position. Simply stated, David is a rare individual in our present-day culture, I am extremely pleased to endorse him for this crucial assignment.

Sincerely,

**Ben Young**  
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From the desk of:  
Fred Moore,  
President/Principle RME

April 6, 2021

## TESTIMONY

Subject: David Kamakea - Nomination to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

My name is Fred Moore, President, HSI Mechanical, Inc., and I am submitting this Testimony in Support of David Kamakea and his Nomination to be a member of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

I have had the honor to know David since June 2008 as both his employer/supervisor and as a friend. I strongly believe that David would be an asset to the Board as he has over twenty-five (25) years of experience and knowledge in the Plumbing Trade. David currently holds a C-37 RME Specialty License (Plumbing).

David has an excellent understanding of the trade having both performed the work as a licensed plumbing journey worker, direct supervising plumbers, as a training coordinator (UA Apprentice Program), as a plumbing estimator, and plumbing superintendent.

Please contact me at 808-478-8482 or email: [fmoore@hsimechanical.com](mailto:fmoore@hsimechanical.com) if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Please take care, with Aloha,



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# PLUMBERS AND FITTERS LOCAL 675 UNITED ASSOCIATION



April 6, 2021

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Video Conference  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM780 Relating To The Board of Electricians and Plumbers  
Friday, April 9, 2021 at 9:20 am

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members;

Chartered in 1919, the Plumbers and Fitters UA, Local 675 is one of the oldest organized labor unions in Hawai'i and one of three 'licensed' skilled-construction trades, steeped in a rich history as one of Hawai'i's construction-industry pioneers.

The Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675 support GM780 submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID KAMAKEA III, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Recent micro-bacterial concerns<sup>1</sup>, including SARS<sup>2</sup>, Legionella, and COVID 19, have placed a renewed emphasis on the importance of strictly adhering to plumbing codes and standards in the built community, which include but are not limited to, proper training, licensing, and recertification.

Pursuant to Chapter 448E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (E&P Board) is charged with the granting and renewal of individual licenses for tradesman in the electrical and plumbing industry, as well as adopting, amending, or repealing rules that effectuate Chapter 448E, and enforcing such laws and rules as they pertain to licensees. In addition, the E&P Board examines all applicants and licensees to determine their qualifications prior to the issuance or renewal of licenses.

Mr. Kamakea has gained extensive plumbing experience, having served in the industry for over 29 years in various capacities. With the knowledge required to serve in such an important role, Local 675 is confident that Mr. Kamakea will be a positive addition to the E&P Board, and look forward to working with him and other members of the E&P Board to ensure that licensees possess the requisite knowledge and skills required to comply with Hawai'i's codes and standards that are specifically developed to protect the health and safety of our community. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this nomination.

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<sup>1</sup> See "Can Coronavirus Spread through Defective Bathroom Sewage Pipes", Heather Murphy, PhD, P Eng, and Barbara Soule, RN, MPA, CIC, FSHEA, FAPIC, Water Quality & Health Council, February 21, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2003/pr70/en/>; "Inadequate plumbing systems likely contributed to SARS transmission".