

Testimony of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 617, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT BARRETT,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lei Ana Green, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Robert Barrett's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Barrett was first appointed to the Board on May 28, 2019, on an interim basis, then appointed for a term to expire on June 30, 2023. Mr. Barret has attended all 18 of the scheduled meetings since his appointment.

As a public member, Mr. Barrett offers a valuable consumer perspective. He is actively engaged in Board meetings and consistently provides thoughtful contributions for constructive discussions. Since July 2022, Mr. Barrett has been serving as vice chairperson of the Board. He continues to bring a beneficial viewpoint to the matters on the Board's agendas.

The Board believes that Mr. Barrett's professionalism and willingness to serve will continue to contribute to the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

April 07, 2023

Honorable Ronald D Kouchi; President
And Members of the Senate
Thirty Second Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha President Kouchi and Members of the Senate,

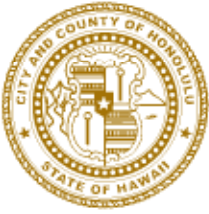
It is with great honor that I give testimony on behalf of Robert Barrett on GM 617. Robert has been a strong public member on the Electricians and Plumbers Licensing Board for the past 4 years and would continue to be a strong advocate for the public for the next 4 years. Robert is currently the Vice Chairman for the Board because of his leadership and willingness to serve the public.

Roberts has been volunteering his time on various neighborhood and church committee's for a long time. He has been a committed member to this Board and I ask that you allow him to continue serving on the E&P Board for the next 4 years.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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Aloha, Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr. Robert Barrett's reappointment to the Board as a Public member. I have known Bob for 8 years, and have seen firsthand all the time and effort he puts into volunteering over these years. Speaking to his friends and colleagues, they would say Bob listens, analyzes issues, is incredibly helpful and quickly communicates clear thoughts.

Bob was appointed to the Board on an interim basis on May 28, 2019, later confirmed in 2020 under Governor Ige's Administration, and currently serves as the Board's Vice Chair. He is also the president and co-owner of Coastal Windows, Inc., a family owned and operated vinyl window and door manufacturing company in Hawaii. As the president of Coastal Windows, Bob has contributed time and resources to support our local communities, schools, and organizations.

As a business owner and public member, Bob currently brings the Board a valuable consumer perspective in regulating electrical and plumbing professionals. Since serving on the board these past few years, he is also familiar with this role, and its importance in the regulatory process.

Helping business and his community, Bob represents our State, his company, his community, and his church with devotion and integrity. I am honored to call Bob a "friend", and know first had that above and beyond his very outstanding resume, Bob is a man of impeccable character, has a selfless heart, and will dedicate all he can to whatever he endeavors he is committed to. Bob is the perfect combination of capacity and compassion, making him a great candidate for reappointment to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. The State will be lucky to have him for the next 4 years, and I urge you to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

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Council Member District VIII

GM-617

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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On the following measure:

GM 617 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT BARRETT, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice- Chair Fukunaga and members of the committee,

My name is Will Kane, and as an individual I submit testimony in **strong support** of the confirmation of Robert Barrett to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

I have known Mr. Barrett for many years. I have worked with him on a variety of projects and policies and we served on multiple boards together. During this time, I have found him to be extremely knowledgeable and conscientious in his work. He consistently goes above and beyond what is required and has always looked to work collaboratively with all stakeholders involved.

Additionally, in my experience, Mr. Barrett's work style is one in which all sides are evaluated and weighed equally, and only after careful consideration of all factors, is the decision made. This approach is especially important to have on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, as it deals with complex issues that affect residents across the state.

In closing, I believe Robert Barrett is very well suited for this position and would be a great addition to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers. I humbly request you support this nomination.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.
Will Kane