

**Testimony of the Contractors License Board**

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

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 623, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ERIC HIGASHIHARA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Candace Ito, and I am the Executive Officer for the Contractors License Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Eric Higashihara's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Mr. Higashihara is the owner of an Ameriprise Financial franchise and brings to the Board more than 25 years of experience as a private wealth advisor. His financial knowledge contributes to the Board's discussions pertaining to the financial integrity of applicants. He is a conscientious and reliable member who is well-prepared for meetings. Mr. Higashihara is a dedicated member who schedules his client appointments around the Board meeting dates. He has only missed one of 37 meetings due to an unforeseen rescheduling of a Board meeting.

Mr. Higashihara actively participates in discussions and has shown his understanding of the matters before the Board, as well as his role and responsibility as a public member.

Mr. Higashihara's financial expertise, commitment, interest in serving on the Board, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board and represent the interest of the consuming public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2023 7:51:36 AM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Urasaki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in support of confirmation of Eric Higashihara to this board. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2023 8:25:06 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO