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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**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. 645, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DARYL SUEHIRO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Mr. Daryl Suehiro to the Contractors License Board (Board) as a specialty contractor member.

Mr. Suehiro will bring to the board a wealth of experience as a licensed electrical contractor and a licensed journey worker electrician. He is the President and principal responsible managing employee of D. Suehiro Electric, Inc. with over 35 years of experience with electrical work.

Having served on the Contractors License Board from 2008 to 2016, Mr. Suehiro is aware of the commitment required in preparing and attending meetings and is willing to give of his time. The Department believes that given his electrical

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expertise, dedication, and history of the board, Mr. Suehiro will be a valuable asset to the State through his service on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair,
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 645, Consideration and Confirmation to the Contractors' License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Daryl Suehiro

Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole and Carol Fukunaga:

As the Executive Director of the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH), I **highly recommend** the confirmation of Mr. Daryl Suehiro's appointment to the Contractors' License Board. Mr. Suehiro is a contractor member of ECAH and also the National Electrical Contractors' Association (NECA). Mr. Suehiro served on the CLB from 2008 - 2016 and has the experience and knowledge of serving as a board member to effectively serve another term. He is a current director and former President of ECAH. Daryl's knowledge of the electrical industry as a working contractor and businessman has been and will continue to be a valuable asset to the CLB. He also holds a Journey Worker Electrician's license so he knows the industry from a layman's point of view. His greatest asset is his devotion to the industry. As he has quoted, "I'm not doing this for myself or my company; it's for the electrical industry".

Daryl also serves on the NECA's National Committee on Management Development. His passion to promote and protect the electrical construction industry is without question of the highest priority. Among all the electrical contractor members of the association, he has the credentials and the willingness to give back to the industry by serving another term on the CLB.

An approval for his confirmation would be in the best interest of the electrical construction industry, the construction industry in general and for the general good of the State of Hawaii. Please approve the nomination for the appointment of Daryl Suehiro to the CLB.

Sincerely,

Al Itamoto

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Executive Director
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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Hearing on Wednesday April 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 229

RE: TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF NOMINEE Daryl Suehiro, GM645

Honorable Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186) is comprised of over 3,600 men and women working in electrical construction, telecommunications, Spectrum, civil service employees, and educator and faculty associations.

IBEW 1186 **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the nomination of Daryl Suehiro for Contractors License Board.

When looking at the importance of the Contractor's License Board it is vital that the Board is comprised of individuals that are not only competent and knowledgeable, but actively involved in the industry. The significance of the Board's decisions on who obtains a license directly impacts public safety.

Daryl Suehiro makes an excellent addition to the Board for several reasons. Not only does he currently have a Journeyman Electricians License and an Electrical Contractor RME License, but has a history of working relationships with the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (3 terms) as past president and current Director. He also has a great working relationship with Electrical contractors and IBEW 1186. Lastly, he was a former member of the Board from 2008-2016 which means he can hit the ground running. These are just a few of the reasons we **STRONGLY SUPPORT** Daryl Suehiro's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 645

Sincerely,

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
HEARING: APRIL 13, 2023, 10:00AM, ROOM 229**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 645 – NOMINEE: DARYL S. SUEHIRO

Honorable Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program (HEMEP) is an organization representing over 100 Hawaii State Licensed Electrical Contractors, the Electrical Contractor's Association of Hawaii, and over 3,600 Members of the IBEW Local 1186.

I am honored to submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the nomination of Mr. Daryl S. Suehiro for the Contractor's License Board (CLB).

I have had the privilege of working and collaborating with Mr. Suehiro for over 13 years. His qualifications are second to none, having previously served on the CLB with tasks such as reviewing license applications and deliberating on complex matters of laws and rules governing the entire contracting industry.

He brings over 40 years of electrical construction experience, that includes nearly 35 years as the founder and operator of the very successful company D. Suehiro Electric. He has also held leadership positions, including President, of the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH), and took on the fiduciary responsibilities as a trustee for benefits such as pension, medical, and training for the members and beneficiaries of the ECAH / IBEW Local Union 1186 Trust Funds.

His wealth of knowledge and experience will be valuable assets to serve the CLB, license applicants, existing licensees, and the public interest of consumers in Hawaii's contracting industry. We urge this Committee to approve Mr. Suehiro's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 645 and Mr. Daryl S. Suehiro.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Takahashi
Director of Compliance

GM-645

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

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

Comments:

NO