

**Testimony of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and  
Landscape Architects**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 1, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 510, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS,  
AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JONATHAN LUCAS,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sheena Choy, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Lucas' appointment to the Board as an architect member from Kaua'i County.

Mr. Lucas has been licensed as a Hawaii architect since December 27, 2019, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. He has been serving an interim appointment on the Board since January 4, 2024, and attended his first board meeting on February 13, 2024.

Mr. Lucas is actively involved as a professional and community member in the local community. Notably, he is a lecturer at Kaua'i Community College in the Trade Technology division and Construction Academy, Chair of the County of Kaua'i Public Access Open Space Commission, and sits on the Koloa Community Association Board of Directors.

The Board believes that Mr. Lucas' commitment to actively participate in board meetings, professional expertise, proven dedication to giving back to the local community, and ability to represent the unique perspectives of Kaua'i County will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express my support for Jon Lucas AIA in qualifying for this position on the EASLA Board.

Jon has been a trusted colleague and friend for more than 20 years. He has served half of that time as a responsible member of our staff as a leading senior member of our team at Palms Hawaii Architecture LLC. Jon has grown in understanding of the profession and in responsible community service on Kauai. Jon is not only experienced in architecture, but maintains a strong sense of aloha that he shares so carefully. I have no doubt that he will extend the same attention that I have known him for, in this new role.

Please welcome him to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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