

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

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Monday, March 25, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 617, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS,  
AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOEL KUROKAWA,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

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. Kurokawa's re-appointment to the Board as a landscape architect member from O'ahu.

Mr. Kurokawa has been licensed as a landscape architect since September 19, 2002, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. Since his initial appointment, there have been 16 meetings, of which he has attended 12. Mr. Kurokawa comes well-prepared for all meetings and actively contributes to all Board discussion. Most recently, Mr. Kurokawa led Board efforts in 2023, to refresh the Landscape Architecture state exam as it transitioned to computer-based testing.

Mr. Kurokawa brings a wealth of knowledge to the Board through his local, national, and international landscape architecture experience. He has represented the Board at numerous local and national conferences, adding valuable knowledge of professional and licensure issues to the Board. Currently, he serves as President-Elect for the national Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB) and as adjunct faculty member at the University of Hawai'i, Master of Landscape Architecture Program.

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The Board believes that Mr. Kurokawa's professional expertise, proven dedication to serving the community, and committed participation in Board discussion will continue to add to the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.