

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB)?
 - a. Operating Engineers Local 3 was instrumental in creating HMOAB, and had always had a representative on the board, representing the workers that operate cranes for a living in Hawaii.
2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board?
 - a. My role and responsibility are the same as the board. We are charged with establishing minimum standards to assure construction tower and crane operators across the islands operate hoisting machines in a safe and lawful manner on behalf of the citizens of our State.
3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.
 - a. I have been a crane operator and have kept my NCCCO and HIOSH card current for the past 20 years. I've operated various cranes and have field knowledge of it's capabilities and limitations. Currently I am a Business Agent for Operating Engineers Local 3. I have the opportunity to meet and visit with crane operators on different jobsites. I believe with my field experience and relationships with other crane operators will help me in my role and responsibilities on the Board.
4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - a. My first task was to help the board hire and executive director and work on the backlog of certifications that needed to get out to applicants.
 - b. Moving forward I would like to work with my fellow board members to ensure all standards are up-to-date, practical, and ensure safety for the public.
5. Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out.
 - a. I will listen to all sides before making my decision.
 - b. I am always willing to discuss my position on things with others.
 - c. I will always ask questions if I don't know something until I understand it.
6. How would these qualities benefit the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board?
 - a. I feel these qualities will allow me to work well with my fellow board members and answer questions that crane operators out in the construction field may have regarding requirements set by the board.
7. Name one pervious experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board?
 - a. A few months ago a local 3 member who previously let his NCCCO expire was told by his employer to operate a crane. He called seeking advise for fear

of losing his job. I recommended to him not operate the crane because he is no longer certified and the Union will protect his employment.

8. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

- a. I do not see any possible conflicts of interest, but if I feel there is an conflict I will automatically consult with the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.
- b. I am also looking forward to the comprehensive ethics training all commission and board members are required to receive.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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February 26, 2025

To: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
The Honorable Chris Lee, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Labor and Technology Committee

Date: Friday, March 7, 2025
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: G.M. 529, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, FONOKALAFI MISI, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations **supports** the confirmation of Mr. Misi Fonokalafi to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB).

Mr. Misi earned his National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators in 2005. He served as a certified crane operator for Kiewit Infrastructure West Company from 2008 to 2021 and is currently a Business Agent for the Operating Engineers, Local 3.

The DLIR is very pleased to have Mr. Misi serve on the HMOAB. His wisdom, experience and commitment to health and safety will assure construction tower and crane operators across the islands operate hoisting machines in a safe and lawful manner on behalf of the citizens of our State.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message 581.



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The Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 7, 2025

GM 529 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HOISTING MACHINE OPERATORS ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, FONOKALAFI MISI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2028

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the nomination Fonokalafi Misi, to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.

Mr. Misi's experience and extensive knowledge in hoisting equipment, safety standards, and workforce training makes him highly qualified for this position. Mr. Misi holds a Hoisting Machine Operator Certificate and has worked for over a decade as a certified crane operator for Kiewit Infrastructure West and Pukiki Tree and Oahu Crane. Given his hands on experience, Mr. Misi will prove to be a valuable asset on the advisory committee where the committee is tasked with establishing standards to assure the construction tower and crane operators across the state operate their machinery in a safe and lawful manner.

We offer our unequivocal support and endorsement of Fonokalafi Misi nomination to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Committee, and kindly ask the favorable consideration of your committee for his candidacy.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM529 - SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HOISTING MACHINE OPERATORS ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
FONOKALAFI MISI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 76 affiliate labor organizations representing over 69,000 union members across Hawaii in industries including healthcare, construction, hospitality, entertainment, transportation, and government. The Hawaii State AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for the rights of working families, promoting fair wages, safe working conditions, and policies that strengthen Hawaii's workforce.

We are in support of GM529, confirming Fonokalafi Misi to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board for a term expiring on June 30, 2028. Mr. Misi's experience and extensive knowledge of hoisting equipment, safety standards, and workforce training make him highly qualified for this position. Additionally, his hands-on expertise ensures that he understands the complexities of the industry and the importance of maintaining high safety and operational standards for workers.

We respectfully request that the committee confirm his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira
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TESTIMONY OF THE ILWU INTERNATIONAL – HAWAII ON GM 529 IN SUPPORT FOR CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE FONOKALAFI MISI

Chairman Aquino, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

The International ILWU **supports** the confirmation of Fonokalafi Misi to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Cranes are indispensable in constructing essential infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, and homes. Given that crane operations often occur in close proximity to the public within urban environments, ensuring their safe operation is crucial to preventing potentially disastrous accidents.

Establishing and enforcing minimum safety standards for construction tower and crane operators statewide is a significant undertaking. We are confident that Mr. Misi possesses the expertise and experience necessary to effectively uphold the mission of the HMOAB. He will be instrumental in ensuring that crane operators adhere to safety regulations and legal standards, thereby safeguarding the public across our state.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon W. K. Wolff
Vice President – Hawaii
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The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
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RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR GM 529- SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE HOISTING MACHINE OPERATORS ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
FONOKALAFI MISI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo, and I am a Trustee and District Representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 3, representing heavy equipment operators, mechanics, surveyors, and other skilled tradespeople in Hawai'i's construction industry. I submit this testimony in strong support of GM 529.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Misi for many years. His years of experience and knowledge in the construction field regarding hoisting machines will be an asset to the board. What sets Mr. Misi apart is his hand-on experience as work hoisting machine operator. I believe practical and real-world experience from a worker's perspective will make all the difference to board.

Lastly, I'd like to emphasize that, since the inception of this board, there has always been worker's representative on this board. I know that Mr. Misi ability, experience, and personal knowledge will help this board thrive.

We humbly ask for your consideration and confirmation of GM- 529. We support Mr. Misi.

Ana Tuiasosopo,

Trustee/District Representative
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LOCAL 142

March 6, 2025

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Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair

Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol

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Friday, March 7, 2025; 3:00 PM

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON GM 529 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HOISTING MACHINE OPERATORS ADVISORY BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, FONOKALAFI MISI, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Fonokalfi Misi to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). The construction industry relies heavily on skilled crane operators, especially given that construction sites are often in close proximity to critical infrastructure such as schools and hospitals. Ensuring the safe operation of these machines is essential to preventing accidents with devastating outcomes.

Establishing and enforcing safety standards for crane and tower operators statewide is a significant responsibility. Mr. Misi's extensive experience allows him to effectively develop and implement these standards that are critical in preserving public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of GM529**.

Respectfully,

Christian West
President

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The Senate Committee on Labor, and Technology

March 7, 2025

Room 224

3:00 PM

RE: GM 529, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Fonokalafi Misi, for a term to expire on 06-30-2028

Attention: Chair Henry Aquino, Vice Chair Chris Lee and Members of the Committee

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA), the exclusive bargaining representative for all University of Hawai'i faculty members across Hawai'i's statewide 10-campus system, **supports GM 529**, to confirm the appointment of Fonokalaf Misi to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.

Mr. Misi served in the private sector as a certified crane operator, where he was responsible for performing regular inspections on crane equipment, cap equipment, and rigging. As a business agent for the Operating Engineers Local 3, Mr. Misi ensures members are up to date on all required certifications and trainings, and are working in a safe environment.

Mr. Misi's extensive knowledge and experience in the profession of hoisting machine operations, safety standards, and the training and oversight of workers, makes him an ideal candidate for this Board.

UHPA appreciates the opportunity to **support** the appointment of Fonokalafi Misi to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. L. Fern", is located below the "Respectfully submitted," text.

Christian L. Fern
Executive Director
University of Hawaii Professional Assembly

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