

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

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 21, 2025  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 565, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS,  
AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHN TAKITANI,  
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, Architect, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Takitani's appointment to the Board as a public member from Maui County.

Mr. Takitani has been serving an interim appointment on the Board since July 30, 2024. As one of three public members on the Board, Mr. Takitani adds an important "layperson" perspective to a technical Board encompassing four different professions. His professional experience and community involvement further equip him with the ability to represent the unique perspectives of Maui County. The Board believes that Mr. Takitani's willingness to serve the public and proven dedication to serving the community will continue to add to the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM565, RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION AND  
NOMINATION OF GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHN TAKITANI TO THE BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

**Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

March 21, 2025 at 9:30 AM

State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

Mahi Pono strongly supports the nomination of John Takitani to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (the “Board”). We feel that John’s skillset, experience, and character make him uniquely suited to serve the State in this capacity.

Over the past 6 years, John – as Pacific Pipe Company’s senior project manager – was instrumental in supporting the procurement and installation of over 12,500 acres of brand-new agricultural irrigation systems on our farm. During this time, John excelled at managing logistics, procurement, design work, and relationships with materials producers, all while consistently displaying professionalism and an aloha-centric outlook during business interactions. In short, John’s work in this role has furthered the realization of Mahi Pono’s mission to improve food security and create economic opportunity through responsible agriculture. We are grateful for our relationship with John, and I am certain that the Board will similarly benefit from John’s appointment.

Should you have any questions about John’s qualifications, please contact me by phone at (808) 250-7705, or by email at [grant.nakama@mahipono.com](mailto:grant.nakama@mahipono.com). Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Grant Nakama

Senior Vice President, Business Operations

# CENTRAL PACIFIC BANK

Written Testimony in Support of John Takitani Appointment to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in strong support of the appointment of John Takitani to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. I have had the privilege of knowing John Takitani for more than 15 years and have witnessed firsthand his exceptional commitment to anything he does and his unwavering dedication to upholding the highest standards of professionalism.

As a friend and colleague, I can confidently say that John is an outstanding individual who consistently demonstrates integrity, expertise, and a genuine passion in this line of work. He possesses a deep understanding of the challenges that face this industry and has shown remarkable leadership in both professional and community settings. John's experience working at Pacific Pipe, now Core & Main has equipped him with the skills necessary to provide valuable insights and guidance to the Board.

Moreover, John is a natural collaborator, always seeking to engage with others to find solutions that benefit both his profession and the public. His ability to listen to diverse perspectives, weigh competing interests, and arrive at thoughtful, well-informed decisions will make him an asset to the Board.

In addition to his professional qualifications, John has demonstrated a strong commitment to ethics and public safety, which are core values of the Board. I have no doubt that his appointment will enhance the effectiveness and integrity of the Board, ensuring that it continues to serve the public interest with excellence.

In conclusion, I strongly support John's appointment with the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects and believe that he will be a tremendous asset to the board.

Thank you for considering this recommendation. Please feel free to contact me at 808-298-7547 if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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Central Pacific Bank