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9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 681, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RON IWAMOTO, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Sandra Matsushima, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 681, regarding the **reappointment** of Mr. Ron Iwamoto to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Iwamoto's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Iwamoto has served on the Board since October 2014 and is being reappointed as a professional engineer member. He has been licensed as a structural engineer since May 1, 1996, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Since Mr. Iwamoto's initial appointment, there have been 41 meetings, of which he has attended 35. Mr. Iwamoto is the owner and principal of Iwamoto & Associates, LLC, a consulting structural engineering firm that he founded in 2002. He serves as the

principal-in-charge of design and manages the development of numerous complex structural building designs of public and private structures in diverse locations, as well as several award-winning projects. As Chairperson of the Board, Mr. Iwamoto actively participates in discussions of agenda items and shares his insights based on more than 25 years of experience as a structural engineer. Mr. Iwamoto's experience as a professional engineer and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to be an asset to the Board.

Mr. Iwamoto was selected as the 2018 Engineer of the Year by the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies for his dedication, leadership in several professional organizations, and contributions to the engineering profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Mr. Iwamoto to the Board.

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April 4, 2018

**The Office of Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
415 South Beretania Street, #230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Confirmation of Ron E. Iwamoto
Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker:

I am in SUPPORT of the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Ron Iwamoto for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Mr. Ron Iwamoto is highly respected Structural Engineer in the design professional community. He is a knowledgeable design professional, who runs his consulting engineering firm with integrity and high ethical standards. He has demonstrated strong professional expertise in the discipline of Structural Engineering.

Personally, I have known Mr. Iwamoto for approximately the last 15 years. We have worked together closely on numerous design projects in the past, as well as on current projects. Mr. Iwamoto has brought valuable professional experience and his continued service will be a tremendous asset to the Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Kevin K. Katayama

Richard M. Suzuki, P.E.

April 4, 2018
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
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415 South Beretania Street, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter of Recommendation --- Mr. Ron Iwamoto

Dear Senator Baker:

I understand that Mr. Ron Iwamoto, has applied to serve on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects and that his application will be before your Senate Committee very shortly.

I am more than pleased to write this letter of recommendation on Mr. Iwamoto's behalf. It is also a letter that I feel particularly qualified to write, as I have known and dealt with Mr. Iwamoto on a professional as well as on a personal level for many years.

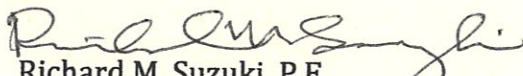
From a professional standpoint, Mr. Iwamoto has demonstrated a high level of skill and competency in the Structural Engineering field. It should also be noted that Mr. Iwamoto has recently been selected as the "Engineer of the Year" from among his peers which is a great honor.

From a personal standpoint, Mr. Iwamoto has developed a strong sense of integrity and work ethic that are commendable. He is frank and forthright, such that he would be sure to preserve the high standards of the Board.

I therefore have no hesitation in recommending him to be approved by your committee and the Senate for this Board position.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Richard M. Suzuki, P.E.