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### TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2009

Friday, April 17, 2009 9:00 a.m.

#### **TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 563**

### **WRITTEN ONLY**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, DAVID Y. IGE, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Ronald Boyer, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 563, regarding the appointment of John E.K. Dill to the Contractors License Board ("Board"). The Department supports Mr. Dill's appointment and respectfully requests that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to his appointment to the Board.

I am familiar with Mr. Dill and his candidacy for appointment to the Board in that I have spoken with him about the Board and his interest in serving there. Based on my discussion with Mr. Dill, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background, and

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experience to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

A resident of the Big Island for over eight years, Mr. Dill is currently a Project Manager with Rider Levett Bucknall, a Phoenix-based firm with offices around the world. Mr. Dill is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii at Hilo. As a project manager, Mr. Dill is responsible for managing all facets of building projects, including reviewing bids, negotiating contracts, tracking schedules, and reviewing change orders and payment applications.

Mr. Dill is currently the Chair of the Hawaii County Board of Ethics and is involved with the Hawaii Island Contractor's Association, the Waiakea Pirates Youth Athletic Club, the Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club, and the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association. Mr. Dill views service on the Contractors License Board as a way for him to give back to the community.

I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Dill will prove to be an asset to the State through his service on the Board. I respectfully request that the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to Mr. Dill's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Mr. Dill's behalf.



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April 2, 2009

Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee Hawai`i State Legislature 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

RE: Nomination of John Dill to the Contractor Licensing Board

This letter is submitted in support of the nomination of John E. K. Dill to the State of Hawai`i Contractors Licensing Board.

Mr. Dill currently serves as the Chair of the County of Hawai`i Board of Ethics, and it is through his public service that I have come to know him both professionally and personally. Mr. Dill is a humble, smart, and straightforward gentleman. During his chairmanship of the Board of Ethics, he has presided over many controversial cases. He has managed the Board, public and media in a way that promotes government transparency while respecting the privacy interests of the parties involved.

On a personal level, Mr. Dill is very approachable and a good communicator. He puts people at ease and is always willing to give you his time.

Mr. Dill's professional work experience and credentials are well documented. He will be a valuable addition to the State of Hawai'i Contractors License Board and serve our State government and community very well. For the above reasons, it is respectfully recommended this Committee confirm the nomination of John Dill to the State of Hawai'i Contractors License Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support.

Very truly yours,

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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection State Capit;ol, Room 229 Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM563 Consideration and Confirmation to the Contractors License Board Gubernatorial Nominee John E.K. Dill for a Term to Expire 6-30-2013.

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

On behalf of BIA-Hawaii, it is a pleasure to offer our strong support for the nomination of John E.K. Dill to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Dill's success as project manager on many large projects such as the Yukio Okutsu State Veterans' Home and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation in Hilo, are testaments to his demonstrated skills. One of Mr. Dill's attributes is the forging of relationships with governmental officials at the federal, state and local government levels.

BIA-Hawaii believes that Mr. John E.K. Dill possesses the requisite skills, experience and understanding of the issues facing the construction industry and would be an asset to the Contractors License Board.

We respectfully ask for your confirmation of John E.K. Dill to the Contractors License Board for the term to expire on June 30, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you.

Karen Z. Makamura

Chief Executive Officer

BIA-Hawaii

### **Eric Arquero**

From: Earl Yempuku [honualandscaping@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 9:23 AM

To: CPN Testimony

Cc: Karen Iwamoto; Alden Chai; John Dill; Byron Fujimoto; Leslie Isemoto; Les Pederson; Jon

Stiles; Hugh Willocks; Donald Yamada; Gerald Yamada

**Subject:** John Dill Nomination to CLB

Senator Baker, Chair, and Members of the Committee for Commerce and Consumer Protection,

My name is Earl Yempuku, Chairman of the Hawaii Island Contractors' Association, Legislative Committee. I am writing in support of the nomination of John Dill to the Contractor's License Board. In his role as a member of our Committee, John has consistently been active and involved in the welfare of the HICA and the Big Island community.

As President of Honua Landscaping, Inc., I have had the opportunity to work with John in his role as Project Manager during the construction of the Hilo Veteran's Hospital. I found him to be adept at problem solving and able to fairly and intelligently work with our company and the owners of the project.

I believe that John would be a valuable addition to the CLB who would bring commitment and dedication to the job, as well as experience with all aspects of the construction industry.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Sincerely,

Earl Yempuku Legislative Committee Chair HICA

### RLB Rider Levett Bucknall

April 9, 2009

Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee Hawai`i State Legislature 415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813 Waikoloa Highlands Center 68-1845 Waikoloa Road Suite 202 Waikoloa, Hawaii 96738

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Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

#### Nomination of John Dill to the Contractor Licensing Board

This letter is prepared as a recommendation of submitted in support of John E. K. Dill in his nomination to the State of Hawai`i Contractors Licensing Board.

Mr. Dill has employed with Rider Levett Bucknall as a Project Manager since May 2007 and as Principal of the Waikoloa Office, John reports directly to me. John has proven over the years that he is a trustworthy employee, able to work independently and without constant supervision. John's efforts in providing great service to our client have been successful as proven by the numerous complements clients have shared with me as to their satisfaction with John.

John is a man of character and honor, a fact proven by his appointment to the County of Hawai'i Board of Ethics where he serves as Chair, and he has a passion to serve the public.

As a friend and his immediate superior I respectfully request Committee confirm the nomination of John Dill to the State of Hawai`i Contractors License Board.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Kevin Mitchell

**Principal**