

GM575

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects, gubernatorial nominee, ALAN INABA, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

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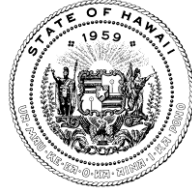
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**PRESENTATION OF THE
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015
Friday, April 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 575**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **ALAN INABA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.

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

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 575, nominating Mr. Alan Inaba for membership on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, and Landscape Architects ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Since the 1970s, Mr. Inaba has worked and lived in the Hilo area, gaining experience as principal surveyor for Inaba Engineering, Inc. With this extensive

background as a Hawaii County-based surveying practitioner working on a diverse set of surveying and engineering design support projects, Mr. Inaba has the ability to make valuable contributions to the Board based on his familiarity with the surveying practice and the Hilo community.

Mr. Inaba is also a long-time licensed surveyor who remains in good standing with the State. He is familiar with the various duties and responsibilities of the Board, and is committed to regularly attending and participating in Board meetings. The Department believes that Mr. Inaba will make an excellent addition to the Board as one of two surveyor professional members and as a representative of the County of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Mr. Inaba's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, and Landscape Architects.

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April 13, 2015

The Honorable Senator Roslyn H. Baker, Chairman
and Members of the Senate Committee
on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Support of Measure GM575, the nomination of Alan Z. Inaba LPLS to the Board of Engineers,
Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Term to expire 30-June-2019.

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Alan Z. Inaba LPLS to the Board of Engineers, Architects,
Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

I have known Alan for more than 30 years, as family friend and professional acquaintance.
As a licensed professional land surveyor and second generation in the family business of Inaba
Engineering, Inc., Alan has extensive knowledge and experience in surveying as well as familiarity with
the history of our Big Island and deep roots in our local community. I can also attest to his good moral
character, high integrity and excellent quality of work. Alan would be an invaluable asset to the Board
of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

I humbly ask for your support in confirming his nomination.

Should you have further questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at
(808) 959-1708.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Chang

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Submitted on: 4/16/2015

Testimony for CPN on Apr 17, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clinton Yamada	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Alan's nomination to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. I believe he will be a great addition and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board.

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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H Baker, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee
on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
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Re: Support of Measure GM575, the nomination of Alan Z, Inaba LPLS to the Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Term to expire 30-JUN-2019.

Aloha Senator Baker,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Alan Z. Inaba LPLS to the Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I have known Alan for over forty years both professionally and socially. Alan is a second generation Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, licensed since 1984. Alan is the Licensed professional Land Surveyor for Inaba Engineering, Inc., a well established, family business providing surveying and engineering services on the Big island. He is a fair and respected professional of the highest moral character. His professionalism, integrity and leadership qualities are evident whether he is working as a Land Surveyor or involved in community service.

I am confident that Alan would be a valuable asset as a member of the Board because of his ethics, his extensive knowledge in the field of surveying and his willingness to serve.

Mahalo,

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April 6, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Commerce, Consumer Protection &
Affordable Housing Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 219
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

VIA email senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Senator Baker

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Alan Z. Inaba, a licensed Professional Land Surveyor as a nominee to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I strongly support Mr. Inaba and humbly ask for your support and confirmation of his nomination.

He is of the highest morals and character and conducts himself in a very professional manner. Furthermore, he is very responsible in his methodology in performing his duties as the only licensed surveyor in his firm. Also, if there are any conflicts that arise, he will not hesitate to resolve matters regardless of the circumstances.

If you have any questions with regard to his background or qualifications, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours

ISLAND SURVEY, INC.

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April 6, 2015

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Baker and members of the Committee,

Re: Governor's Message No. 575, Nomination of Alan Z. Inaba
Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

My responses to the questions to assist with the confirmation process are provided below. The resume and letter of interest submitted with the Boards and Commissions Application is also included.

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

Serving on the Board will give me an opportunity to share my knowledge and experience in the field of land surveying to aid in guiding, shaping, and directing the future of the profession in the State of Hawaii.

2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

A member of the Board serves the public's interest, represents the State of Hawaii and the consumer, to protect the State from liability and protect the welfare of the consumer. Also, to participate in board meetings and decision-making, and to follow and enforce the mandates of the board.

3. In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

As a board member I will assist with the process to review applicants for eligibility that meets and/or exceeds the qualification requirements, and possess the competence and integrity necessary to perform and provide quality professional services in the State of Hawaii.

4. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe you that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

See attached resume.

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5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Assist the board in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of consumers. Possibly introduce and adopt new rules to further regulate licensure.

6. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the board.

Integrity – A single quality that includes honesty, moral, ethical, means doing right in all circumstances, being consistent, deferring gratification to do the right thing.

Fair – People will be treated respectfully, impartially, and equitably.

Responsible – Board members have an obligation and are accountable to the board and its duties, and use good judgment.

The three qualities above build trust, respect, and reliance between board members, giving the board strength and efficiency.

7. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I am a current member of the Hawaii Community College Career and Technical Education Advisory Council, as an advisor to Architectural, Engineering, and CAD Technologies, and have served the in other community organizations in various positions. The experience and knowledge gained through advising, management, and leadership may be beneficial as a member of the board. (See attached resume).

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

I don't foresee any conflicts at this time. However, should a potential conflict arise it should be identified and disclosed to the chair and relevant personnel. Expertise of the responsible personnel can be used to judge if a conflict exists. Should a conflict exist I would withdraw from the matter of conflict.

I trust the responses above will assist you and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. I humbly request your the support and confirmation. Should you have questions please call or email.

Sincerely,

Alan Z Inaba

Attachments