

GM731

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Gubernatorial Nominee, VERNON TA'A, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Electricians and Plumbers

Description:

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| 4/7/2015 | S | Received. |
| 4/7/2015 | S | Referred to CPN. |
| 4/16/2015 | S | The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-22-15 8:30AM in conference room 016. |



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

April 22, 2015
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 731.

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

My name is Christine Rutkowski and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 731, regarding the **reappointment** of Vernon Ta'a to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Ta'a's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Ta'a has served on the Board as a public member since July 1, 2011, and he is being nominated to serve a second term. He has attended 21 of the 22 meetings convened by the Board since he was appointed.

Mr. Ta'a clearly understands the duties and responsibilities of a Board member, particularly his role in representing the public's perspective. His active participation during meeting discussions shows that he has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas.

The Department believes that Mr. Ta'a's interest in continuing to serve on the Board and his desire to contribute to our Community will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

The Department supports the confirmation of Vernon Ta'a to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

To the Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On October 31, 2009, I retired as the Legislative Liaison of the Plumbers and Fitters Union Local 675. Although I am not a member of the Union, it was a privilege to represent Local 675 in the state and county legislatures for over 15 years. It would be a privilege to serve as a Board member.

I am confident that I can serve fairly, honestly and with great appreciation for what our elected representatives before us have done to establish Chapter 448E that ensures the safety and welfare of the citizens of this great State.

For over 15 years, I have become familiar with Chapter 448E and participated in many hearings and meetings to help support and defend the rules and procedures of the law. I have also come to appreciate the work that members of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division do, in particular, Executive Officer, Charlene Tamanaha and her staff.

As a public member of the board, I am confident of my abilities to help ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Hawaii.

Vernon Ta'a