

# GM736

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LAWRENCE MORINAGA, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

**Report Title:** Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

**Description:**

**Companion:**

**Package:**

**Current Referral:** CPN

**Introducer(s):**

| <u>Sort by Date</u> |   | <b>Status Text</b>  |
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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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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 736.**

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

My name is Carlos Keen and I am the Executive Officer for the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 736, regarding the **reappointment** of Lawrence T. Morinaga to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Morinaga's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Morinaga is being reappointed to the Board as a licensee member. He was appointed to the Board in 2011. He has been licensed since 1990, and his elevator mechanic's license is current, active, and in good standing.

Since his appointment to the Board, Mr. Morinaga has become the Vice Chair of the Board. He has attended 14 of the 15 scheduled meetings. He is always prepared

and actively participates in discussions. We believe that Mr. Morinaga's continued service on the Board will enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Morinaga to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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

To contribute what I can for the sake of public safety, relating to the use of elevators and escalators.

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

To represent the general public to help ensure that qualified technicians are licensed.

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

I could help to ensure the process for Elevator Mechanics Licensing is followed.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe 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.

This being a re-application for the Board, I have completed four years on the Board with the last year serving as Vice-Chairperson. I have worked over 27 years in the elevator trade in all aspects of the trade. Including construction, modernization, repair and maintenance. I also am an instructor for the elevator apprenticeship program. I have a few certifications related to the elevator trade including a Qualified Elevator Inspector Certification.

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

I would like to complete to update of the exam required for the elevator license, also the requirement of continued education for the renewal of the elevator license.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Honest, Responsible and Analytical.

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

Simply the experience of already serving on the the board for the past four years.

(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 conflict of interest issues.