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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 530, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS,  
SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JANET PRIMIANO,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Janet Primiano's appointment to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (Board) as a public member.

Ms. Primiano has nearly 30 years of experience in health care and education in Hawaii, and she is currently an instructor at Kapiolani Community College. Previously, Ms. Primiano worked in her family business, L. Yamashiro Mason Contractor. Her duties included retrieving supplies, working in the field with her father, and communicating with other contractors, as well as engineering and architecture firms, to

confirm contracts and billing. Ms. Primiano's industry perspective will provide an insightful perspective to the Board. In addition, she has experience serving on a board, including as president for the Na Lei Wili Area Health Education Center Board of Directors.

The Department believes that Ms. Primiano's desire to serve on the Board and commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**GM-530**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

Janet Primiano is a perfect person to be on the Board of Directors for the Prof. Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects as her highest integrity and professionalism will supplement this board. Knowing Janet on a personal level as well as many engineers and architects on professional levels, she will provide the leadership to enhance all.

Thank you,

Eric Hamaguchi

**From:** [Lauren Primiano](#)  
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Aloha Senator Baker,

I submit this testimony in **support** of GM 530 to confirm the nomination of Janet Primiano to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors & Landscape Architects (EASLA).

Janet's passion and dedication to her professional commitments, moral character, and work ethic would make her an excellent addition to the EASLA Board as a public member. If confirmed, I am certain Janet will ensure the highest standards are upheld in her service to the EASLA Board and for the protection of Hawaii's citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in support of Janet Primiano's nomination to serve on the EASLA Board.

Mahalo,  
Lauren Primiano