

Testimony of the Contractors License Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 694, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, NICHOLAS TEVES, JR.,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Candace Ito, and I am the Executive Officer of the Contractors License Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Nicholas Teves, Jr.'s reappointment to the Board as a specialty contractor member.

Mr. Teves has been licensed since August 13, 1976, and holds the electrical and pole and line specialty classifications. He is the principal responsible managing employee of Commercial Electric Inc., and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Teves is an industry leader in the field of electrical contracting and a knowledgeable and reliable member who, in addition to attending regular board meetings, volunteers to attend the Board's Applications and Rules Committee meetings. Having previously served on the Board, Mr. Teves applies his institutional knowledge to the Board's discussions, which leads to judicious decisions. His more than 45 years of experience in the electrical industry, as well as his experience as a licensed supervising electrician, bring a diverse perspective to matters before the Board.

Mr. Teves' experience and knowledge in the electrical industry, commitment, interest in serving on the Board, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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May 7, 2020

The Honorable Roz Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Governor's Message 694
Confirmation of Nicholas W. Teves, Jr.
to the Contractors License Board

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Nicholas Teves, Jr. to the Contractors License Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2024.

I have personally known Mr. Teves for over 30 years. He is a dedicated person who is deeply committed to public service and his outstanding tenure on various state boards and commissions can attest to this. Since 1983, he has served with honor on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Aloha Tower Commission, and Land Use Commission.

Mr. Teves is President of Commercial Electric where he has worked for 46 years. He is also President of Pacific Electrical Contractors' Association, and serves as Vice-President of Sand Island Business Association where he has been a director since 1992 and is Past President.

I firmly believe that Mr. Teves' qualifications and work experience will be a great asset to the Contractors License Board. His is man of high energy, outstanding character, and strong principles. It is with great humility and respect that I request your favorable confirmation of Nicholas Teves, Jr. on his appointment to the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,

Milton Holt
Executive Director

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May 7, 2020

The Honorable Senator Rozalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Nicholas W. Teves, Jr.

Dear Senator Baker:

I have worked with Nicholas Teves from 1980 when we were members of the Pacific Electrical Contractors Association and subsequently as a subcontractor to Commercial Electric, Inc. which is his Company. Mr. Teves has also spent countless hours serving as a trustee for company/union trust funds throughout the years.

Mr. Teves impressed me as he gives his 100% expertise and ability to complete work assigned to him and his volunteer work. He completes assignments in a timely manner and in a professional manner. He is not afraid to make decisions.

I highly recommend Mr. Teves to serve as a subcontractor member on the State of Hawaii Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,

JACK ENDO ELECTRIC, INC.



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May 12, 2020

TO: HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, HONORABLE STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH

SUBJECT: **STRONG SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 694:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Nicholas Teves, Jr.**, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, May 13, 2020
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229

The Honorable Chair Baker and Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I am Lance Inouye, President of Ralph S Inouye Co, Ltd (RSI), a Hawaii general contractor and member of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii. I am in **strong support** of the confirmation of **Nicholas Teves, Jr.** to the Contractors License Board ("Board") for a term set to expire on June 30, 2024.

I have known Nick for well over 10 years now both personally as well as through his outstanding electrical contracting company, Commercial Electric, Inc. (Commercial). At all times when I had the pleasure working with Commercial as a subcontractor and Nick as its leader, it has been nothing short of exceptional and professional. I have also had the pleasure of working with Nick as a member of the State Land Use Commission. There, I got to see Nick up close and personal, as an upstanding individual, full of life and as fair an individual as anyone I know. And as is evident in his resume, he comes with a wealth of experience in the electrical industry. I have no doubt he will be a great asset to the Board, as he already has been over the past almost four years.

Accordingly, RSI and I personally are in **strong support** of the reappointment of **Nicholas Teves, Jr.** to the Contractors License Board and respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment to serve.

Nicholas W. Teves, Jr.
Contractor's License Board

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

As a contractor and a past member of the board, I've always enjoyed helping and protecting the public.

I also like to be involved in any endeavor that affects my industry.

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

My primary role as a member of the Contractor's License Board primary role is to protect the public.

My responsibility is to insure that the contractors who we license are not only qualified with the technical knowledge in their respective field but also has the experience in operating a contracting business.

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

Protecting the consumer is the primary role of a board member. This protection can be enforced by following the Hawaii Revised Statutes of Chapter 444 and 436B.

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.

I am a licensed contractor with a C-13 (Electrical) and a C-62 (pole & Line) for over thirty years. I also have a Supervising Electrician License for over thirty five years. My company (Commercial Electric, Inc.) also has an A-Engineering contractors license.

Also, as shown below, I previously served three terms on the Contractor's License Board.

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

Most of the unlicensed contractors activity is in the residential market which makes the consumer very vulnerable to shoddy work and fraud. I would like to get more of these unlicensed contractors, who are qualified, to obtain a contractors license so they can comply with the contractors licensing rules and regulations.

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

The first is my desire to protect the consumer and to insure that licensed contractors comply with the licensing rules and regulations.

Secondly, my previous experience on the Contractor's License Board is a plus for the board.

Lastly, I pride myself on having an open mind to new ideas and this will have a positive effect on the ever changing and evolving issues that the board may face in the future.

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

State of Hawaii Boards and Commissions:

Contractor's License Board: 2017 to 2020

Land Use Commission: 2006 to 2012

Contractor's License Board: 1996 to 2000

Aloha Tower Commission: 1992 to 1996

Contractor's License Board: 1984 to 1992

Board of Electricians and Plumbers: 1982 to 1984

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 do not anticipate any conflicts of interest but if one does arise, I will recuse myself from any discussions and decisions.