

## **GM 656 Mark Baker**

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board?

**I have been a part of the elevator constructors for 25 years. I believe I could compliment the board through the experience of responsibilities of holding an Elevator Mechanics License.**

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

**Attend meetings, review applications of licenses, ensure the high standard of licensing is upheld. Quality workmanship and disciplines are necessary through licensing. Being a part of the board, we can ensure safe operation of conveyances through licensing.**

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an Elevator Mechanics Licensing 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

**My years of experience, I am also a qualified elevator inspector, and being an elevator adjuster. Having worked at all levels within the industry in all departments.**

**I also am a national elevator industry educator. Where I instruct for the elevator apprentice. As well as a Joint apprentice committee member.**

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

**I hope to be part of a team that ensures and maintains the strength of State licensing laws**

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

**I am loyal**

**I am dependable**

**I am a hard worker**

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as an Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board member

**I have experience of working in another state and understand the importance of holding and maintaining licensing**

**I have participated in court processes in which having a license proved very important**

**Installing, maintaining and repairing of conveyances the public uses everyday must be performed by licensed individuals.**

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

**I don't foresee any conflicts of interest. I have already discussed the opportunity to be a part of the elevator licensing board with my employer. My responsibilities with my employer and my responsibilities as a leader do not change. I must adjust my work responsibilities to now include the privilege of participating with the board of Elevator licensing. I will do my very best.**

**Testimony of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Friday April 8, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 656, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARK BAKER,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Skizewski, and I am the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Mark Baker's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Baker has been licensed as an elevator mechanic in Hawaii since June 5, 1998, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He is currently employed by OTIS Elevator Company as a lead adjuster, and was previously employed by various elevator contractors. In addition to his professional experience, he serves as an instructor for the National Elevator Industry Education Program, mentoring apprentice elevator mechanics.

Mr. Baker was first appointed to the Board on an interim basis on January 11, 2021, and has attended all scheduled meetings since his appointment. The Board strongly believes that Mr. Baker's interest in serving on the Board, experience as a licensed elevator mechanic, and evident desire to contribute to the profession make him an exemplary candidate to continue serving on the Board. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the elevator mechanic industry in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

March 30, 2022

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair of the Senate Committee on  
Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania St., Room 230  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board Appointment

Dear Senator Baker,

It gives me pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Mark Baker for the second year in a row. I have known Mark for 23 years. Mark is my brother-in-law.

As a professional since 1988, I have first-hand experience in witnessing quality workmanship, dedication, and cooperation within the field of commercial contracting. Mr. Mark Baker possesses these attributes. Mark takes his commitment to his company and co-worker very seriously. It's why he has been so successful within the Hawaii elevator industry for decades.

I highly recommend Mark Baker as a continuation of his position on the State Elevator Licensing Board. I am confident that he will approach any new initiative with genuine enthusiasm and discipline to succeed.

Sincerely,

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