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TESTIMONY
OF
BONNIE KAHAKUI, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR
STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
April 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

G.M. 590

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 590. The State Procurement Office (SPO) is in **strong support** of the nomination of Richard Heltzel to the Procurement Policy Board (Board). This volunteer Board is a critical component of the SPO, promulgating Hawaii Administrative Rules in accordance with Chapters 103D and 103F of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Mr. Heltzel, who was elected as the Board's Vice Chair in February 2023, will contribute his expertise in construction procurement and as a business leader in the private sector, as well as his sincere desire to serve the community.

Mr. Heltzel is a Civil Engineer and has over 40 years of worldwide experience in the maritime industry, including marine construction, offshore pipelines, dredging, and deep foundations. He has over 35 years working throughout the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim. In his current role as President of Healy Tibbitts Builders, Inc., Mr. Heltzel has been directly responsible for planning and execution for all of the company's ongoing and completed projects. Prior to serving as president, he was the company's Vice President and Area Manager/Project Manager.

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He is affiliated with the Associated General Contractors of America, the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

For these reasons we respectfully ask that your committee confirm Mr. Heltzel's nomination to the Procurement Policy Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 590.



April 11, 2023

TO: HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF GM 590.** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, April 11, 2023
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 225

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA is in support of GM 590, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the GCA and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for considering out testimony in support.

Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
In Support of GM590
Before the Committee on Government Operations
April 11, 2023

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (Matson) supports GM590, which nominates Richard Heltzel to serve on the Procurement Policy Board. Matson has worked with Mr. Heltzel on several maritime issues in Hawaii and Guam. Mr. Lee's decades of experience in maritime construction gives him unique insight into Hawaii's procurement issues. Matson has always found Mr. Heltzel to be upstanding, fair, and transparent. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.



S & M SAKAMOTO, INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

April 11, 2023

TO: HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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PLACE: Conference Room 225

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

S & M Sakamoto, Inc., General Contractor.

S & M Sakamoto, Inc. supports GM 590, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

S & M Sakamoto, Inc. believes

that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.

Very truly yours,
S & M Sakamoto, Inc.



Dale S. Yoneda, President

Leonard K.P. Leong
President

April 11, 2023

TO: HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,
Royal Contracting Co., Ltd


Royal Contracting Co., Ltd **supports GM 590**, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Royal Contracting Co., Ltd believes that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

I have served with Mr. Heltzel on various committees and found him to be prepared & knowledgeable on committee issues and an active participant in discussion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.

Sincerely,


Leonard K.P. Leong
President

GM-590

Submitted on: 4/7/2023 9:53:45 AM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael P. Matsumoto	Testifying for SSFM International, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am the President/CEO of SSFM International, Inc. We are a Hawaii-based project management, planning, and engineering company established in Hawaii since 1959 with 4-offices in Hawaii and 3-offices in the Pacific/Asia Region.

SSFM International supports GM 590, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, RICHARD HETZEL.

SSFM International has known Mr. Hetzel as a valued member of Hawaii's construction community and he has demonstrated the experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. His knowledge of federal procurement requirements and processes will be especially beneficial for this Board.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to support Mr. Hetzel's nomination.

Michael P. Matsumoto, President/CEO



ELITE PACIFIC CONSTRUCTION, INC.

April 11, 2023

TO: HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Elite Pacific Construction, Inc. (EPC) is a general construction company founded in 2004 in the State of Hawaii with primary focus on federal projects. EPC are members of both the General Contractors Association and the Associated Builders and Contractors.

Elite Pacific Construction, Inc. supports GM 590, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Elite Pacific Construction, Inc. believes that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

I have personally known Mr. Heltzel since the early 1980's and have always found him to be of the utmost character, integrity and professionalism in everything that he has done within the construction industry. Mr. Heltzel has a broad understanding of procurement at both the State and Federal levels. His experience will greatly contribute to the success of the Procurement Policy Board.

2012 & 2010 Recipient of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Small Business Achievement Award

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathew Lee', is written over the typed name below.

Mathew Lee, P.E.
Chairman & Co-Founder
Elite Pacific Construction, Inc.

D&C Plumbing, Inc.

P.O. Box 1117 Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744 Ph: 808-247-1234

April 11, 2023

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

D&C Plumbing, Inc. has been doing business in the State of Hawaii since 1974 and performs work for various City and State agencies.

D&C Plumbing, Inc. **supports GM 590**, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

D&C Plumbing, Inc. believes that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.



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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Nordic PCL Construction, Inc. is a local kama'aina building contractor founded in Honolulu in 1938. Although based on Oahu, the company has project experience on all neighbor islands. Our portfolio of projects includes but is not limited to high-rise residential, healthcare, education, commercial office, retail, institutional, and military.

Nordic PCL Construction, Inc. **supports GM 590**, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

We believe that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glen Kaneshige", written in a cursive style.

Glen Kaneshige

President



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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc. is a locally owned sitework contractor that is celebrating it's 50th year in business this year.

Koga Engineering, supports GM 590, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Koga Engineering, believes that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Many of our officers at Koga Engineering have served on various committees with Mr. Heltzel and can attest to his wealth of knowledge of the federal procurement system and construction. He has great leadership qualities and is always reasonable and fair in his decisions. It has been a pleasure serving with him on the General Contractors Association Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.



Alan Shintani Inc.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR ABC 13068

April 11, 2023

TO: HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Alan Shintani, Inc. has been providing quality general contracting services and construction management for homes, commercial building, and government projects in a cost-effective and timely manner since 1984. ASI has earned a solid reputation in Hawaii by succeeding in all its construction endeavors through innovation and reliable construction services.

Alan Shintani, Inc, **supports GM 590**, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

I believe that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.

Alan Shintani
Chairman of the Board
Alan Shintani, Inc.

GM-590

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 2:16:15 PM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Kent	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

It is my pleasure to write this testimony in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination to this Board. He is smart, hard working, and has a great work ethic. I am sure he will be an asset to this Board. I urge you to vote "yes" on this nomination.

Elizabeth Kent

GM-590

Submitted on: 4/7/2023 8:26:33 AM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colin Fujiki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Colin Fujiki, Believe that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

I am a professional engineer who has worked in the construction and A-E consulting industries for more than 20-years. A graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, School of Engineering, I was mentored by Mr. Richard Heltzel who taught to me best practices in the industry, and the importance of partnership and high standards of core values in the business of policy, procurement, contracting, and negotiation.

I, Ivan Lee, **support GM 590**, and submit this testimony for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

I believe that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a fair competent, and knowledgeable licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board.

Mr. Heltzel is a respected leader, with extensive knowledge of procurement, who dedicates himself to the pursuit of best practices founded upon positive personal values. His consistent approach towards partnership, growth, and vision, will benefit the Procurement Policy Board and our State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.



Ivan Lee, P.E.
No. 12075

GM-590

Submitted on: 4/9/2023 9:18:22 AM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn Nohara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations:

I strongly support GM 590 which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Richard Heltzel, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

I believe that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Glenn Nohara

GM-590

Submitted on: 4/9/2023 2:51:09 PM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruth A. Baker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Richard Heltzel to the Procurement Policy Board.

Mr. Heltzel contributes his many years of experience and knowledge in construction and engineering in Hawaii and the Pacific Rim, his perspective as a respected business leader, and his sincere willingness to serve our state through this volunteer Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

GM-590

Submitted on: 4/10/2023 2:59:54 PM

Testimony for GVO on 4/11/2023 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Alivado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of GM 590, the appointment of Rick Heltzel to the Policy Procurement Board. Mr. Heltzel's experience in the construction industry and his past service on the Board makes his expertise a welcome resource. Please support Mr. Heltzel's appointment. Thank you for the opportunity to support GM 590.



Civil-Mechanical Contractor

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LATE

April 11, 2023

TO: HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Civil-Mechanical Contractor is a General Engineering / General Building Contractor engaged in the construction of water-based projects for the various governmental agencies in the State of Hawaii for the past 40 years.

Civil-Mechanical Contractor supports GM 590, which submits for consideration and confirmation to the Procurement Policy Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICHARD HELTZEL, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Civil-Mechanical Contractor believes that Mr. Heltzel has demonstrated the required experience and expertise in procurement to be a valuable member of the Procurement Policy Board. Mr. Heltzel is a licensed civil engineer and has over 40 years of marine construction experience. His knowledge of federal procurement is especially beneficial for the Board. We've worked with Mr. Heltzel in his role as a past president of the General Contractors Association and always found him to be fair, competent, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Heltzel's nomination.