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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 614, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PHILLIP LUCERO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The Department supports the appointment of Phillip Lucero to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Lucero has been a licensed electrician since January 1, 1992, and a licensed contractor (C-13 Electrical) since 2011. His licenses are current, valid, and in good standing.

Mr. Lucero has served two previous terms on the Board. As a licensee member, Mr. Lucero was a valuable and an integral member of the Board, serving on the Applications Review Committee, as a subject matter expert for the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) Electricians Exam, and also serving as chairperson of the Board. During his tenure as chairperson, Mr. Lucero navigated

the Board through the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, subsequent restrictions on in-person meetings, and transition to virtual meetings.

Mr. Lucero devoted additional time outside of Board meetings to carry out his responsibilities as a member of the Board. He was an experienced and reliable member. His interest in again serving on the Board and his continued desire to serve the public, along with his 31 years of valuable experience in the industry, will again contribute to the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

GM-614

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Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO !!!!



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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Hearing on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 229

RE: TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF NOMINEE PHILLIP LUCERO,
GM614

Honorable Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, and Members of the
Committee Commerce and Consumer Protection:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186), is
comprised of over 3,600 men and women working in electrical construction,
telecommunications, Spectrum, civil service employees, and educator and faculty
associations.

IBEW 1186 **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** the nomination of Phillip Lucero to serve on the
Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

There could not be a better candidate than Mr. Lucero to serve another term on the Board.
In his previous stint on the Board, Mr. Lucero was voted to be Chair due to his depth of
knowledge and over 30 years of experience in the electrical industry. We feel it is
important to have a Board Member that not only has the background, but continues to be
actively involved in the industry. He is a Licensed Electrical Contractor and owner and
operator of Preferred Electric, LLC, and also holds an active EJ - Journeyman Electrician
license in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Lucero also has a history of working relationships with the Electrical Contractor's
Association of Hawaii (ECAH), where he now serves as the President, and has worked as
a Trustee on member benefit funds jointly managed by ECAH and IBEW 1186. All of
his experiences will allow him to make competent decisions on the Board and maintain
the high standards of public safety for electricians and plumbers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the
Governor's nomination of Phillip Lucero in GM 614.

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Sincerely,

Damien T.K. Kim
Business Manager/
Financial Secretary

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
HEARING: APRIL 13, 2023, 10:00AM, ROOM 229
DECISION MAKING: APRIL 19, 2023, 10:00AM, ROOM 225**

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 614 – NOMINEE: PHILLIP LUCERO

Honorable Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

Hawaii Electricians Market Enhancement Program (HEMEP) is an organization representing over 100 Hawaii State Licensed Electrical Contractors, the Electrical Contractor's Association of Hawaii, and over 3,600 Members of the IBEW Local 1186.

I am honored to submit this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the nomination of Mr. Phillip Lucero for the Board of Electricians and Plumbers (BEP).

Mr. Lucero has previous experience on the BEP, serving as Chairman, and guiding the BEP through important decisions on license applications, disciplinary actions, and interpretations of the laws and rules for Electricians and Plumbers in Hawaii. He has always had the safety for those that work in these industries as his priority.

As a Licensed Journeyworker Electrician and Licensed Electrical Contractor, Mr. Lucero brings over 30 years of experience, possessing all the knowledge and credentials to be an extremely valuable asset to the BEP. He also has held several other leadership positions such as currently serving as the President of the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH).

I have known and worked with Mr. Lucero – “Chico” as he is known to me and other close associates - for nearly 10 years and have come to respect his ability to understand the complex issues of the electrical industry and his very friendly and cooperative demeanor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 614, and we humbly ask this Committee to approve Mr. Lucero's nomination.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ryan Takahashi
Director of Compliance



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April 14, 2023

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair,
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
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RE: GM 614, Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Philip Lucero

Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole and Carol Fukunaga:

As the Executive Director of the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH), I **highly recommend** the confirmation of Mr. Philip Lucero's appointment to the Board of Electricians & Plumbers. Mr. Lucero is a member of ECAH and also the National Electrical Contractors' Association (NECA). Mr. Lucero served on the Board of Electricians & Plumbers from 2014 - 2021 and has the experience and knowledge of serving as a board member to effectively serve another term. He is a Director and current President of ECAH. Philip's knowledge of the electrical industry as a working contractor and businessman has been and will continue to be a valuable asset to the Board of Electricians & Plumbers. He also holds a Journey Worker Electrician's license so he knows the industry from a layman's point of view. His greatest asset is his devotion to the industry.

His passion to promote and protect the electrical construction industry is without question of the highest priority. Among all the electrical contractor members of the association, he has the credentials and the willingness to give back to the industry by serving another term on the Board of Electricians & Plumbers.

An approval of GM 614 for his confirmation would be in the best interest of the electrical construction industry, the construction industry in general and for the general good of the State of Hawaii. Please approve the nomination for the appointment of Philip Lucero to the Board of Electricians & Plumbers.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Electrical Constructors Association of Hawaii,
A Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association