Testimony of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects

Before the Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection Monday, March 25, 2024 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

On the following measure: G.M. 616, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ALAN INABA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sheena Choy, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Mr. Inaba's appointment to the Board as a land surveyor member from Hawai'i county.

Mr. Inaba has been licensed as a land surveyor since September 5, 1984, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. Mr. Inaba previously served as a land surveyor member on the Board. He provided valuable contributions to the Board's discussions from his over 40 years of professional surveying expertise. He has served the local Hilo community in various professional and volunteer capacities, including as a current member of the Hawaii Community College Career & Technical Education Advisory Council: Architectural, Engineering & CAD Technologies Program.

The Board believes that Mr. Inaba's wealth of professional expertise, proven commitment to serving the community, and ability to represent the unique perspectives of Hawai'i County make him a valuable asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

21 March 2024

The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN) Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Alan Inaba Nomination to EASLA (GM616)

Senator Keohokalole,

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Alan Inaba to the Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors & Landscape Architects (EASLA). I have been a board member on the EASLA board for 15 years, 8 of which have been with Alan as a fellow surveyor member. Alan has shown a passion for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public when professional services are required. As a long time *kama'āina* surveyor in Hilo, Alan brings a history of surveying knowledge to the board. He understands how the rules and practices need to be interpreted for licensing issues.

Having known Alan for many years, I have to say that he is an extremely ethical individual who I trust completely. He acts as a surveying mentor to me and a trusted advisor on any personal issues I may need help with. It would be a pleasure to have him back on the EASLA board for another four-year term.

Mahalo,

Dan Hirota, PE, PLS EASLA Board, Surveying member

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Date: 22-February-2024

The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole The Chair of the Hawaii senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Hawaii State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania Street, Room 205 Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support of Measure GM616, for the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Alan Z, Inaba LPLS to the Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects, Term to expire 2028-Jun-30.

Aloha Senator Keohokalole,

I am writing in support of the nomination of Alan Z. Inaba LPLS to the Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. I have known Alan both professionally and socially for the last forty nine years. Alan is a second generation Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, licensed since 1984. Alan is the Licensed professional Land Surveyor for Inaba Engineering, Inc., a well established, family business providing surveying and engineering services on the Big island He is regarded as a reasonable and respected professional in the surveying community. Alan also served as one of the surveyor members on the EASLA Board from 2015-2023. Because of his professionalism, integrity and leadership qualities, as well as his experience as a former Board member, I am confident that Alan would be a valuable asset to the Board for the term to expire 2028-Jun-30.

Mahalo,

Paul H. Murray, LPLS Licensed Professional Land Surveyor Certificate Number: LS-7589 Land Court Surveyor Certificate Number 260 Former Surveyor Member: Board of Engineers, Architects, Surveyors & Landscape Architects (2007 to 2015)