

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

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 1, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 615, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS,  
AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEVIN KATAYAMA,  
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. Katayama's re-appointment to the Board as a mechanical engineering member from O'ahu.

Mr. Katayama has been licensed as a mechanical engineer since September 3, 1993, and as a fire protection engineer since December 1, 2023. His license is current, valid, and in good standing. Since his initial appointment, there have been 16 meetings of which he has attended 12. Mr. Katayama is the current Vice Chairperson of the Board and Chair of the Board's Administrative Rules Revision permitted interaction group.

Mr. Katayama has represented the Board at various national and regional conferences, providing the Board with key knowledge of local and national trends in the profession. He is an active participant at board meetings and provides important insight through his diligent preparation and over 30 years of experience as a mechanical and fire protection engineer. Additionally, Mr. Katayama brings valuable experience from his former positions as a building engineer with the State Department of Accounting and General Services, and as a member of both the City & County of Honolulu Building Board of Appeals and Bobby Benson Center Board of Directors.

The Board believes that Mr. Katayama's wealth of professional expertise, desire to serve the public, and active participation in board meetings will continue to be an asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



February 26, 2024

**Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Confirmation of Kevin K. Katayama: GM-615  
Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

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

Mr. Kevin Katayama is highly respected mechanical engineer in the design professional community. He is a knowledgeable design professional, who runs his consulting engineering firm with integrity and high ethical standards. He has consistently demonstrated strong professional design expertise in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering.

I have known Mr. Katayama personally and professionally for approximately the last 21 years. We have worked together closely on numerous design projects in the past, as well as on current projects. I have also served with him while I was on the Board for approximately 6 years. I believe Mr. Katayama will bring valuable professional experience and insight to this position. He will be a great asset to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron E. Iwamoto' with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Ron E. Iwamoto, P.E.  
President  
Iwamoto Engineering Consultants, Inc.  
Consulting Structural Engineers

February 26, 2024

**The Office of Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
415 South Beretania Street, #230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Confirmation of Kevin K. Katayama, GM 615  
Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects

Dear Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole:

I am in SUPPORT of the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Kevin K. Katayama for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Mr. Katayama is a highly respected and qualified mechanical engineer in the design professional community. He is a knowledgeable design professional, who owns and operates his consulting engineering firm with high ethical standards and professionalism. He has demonstrated strong professional expertise in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering as a Sub-Consultant on many of my projects.

Personally, I have known Mr. Katayama for over 28 years. We have worked together closely on numerous design projects over the years as well as on current projects. I believe Mr. Katayama has valuable professional experience and insight that will be an asset to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ANBE, ARUGA & ISHIZU,  
ARCHITECTS, INC.



Harold Y. Inouye, AIA, LEED ® AP BD+C  
President

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February 28, 2024

TO: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
415 S. Beretania St., Suite 205, Honolulu, HI 96813  
senkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov

FROM: Reid Mizue, AIA  
President / Legislative Advocacy Group  
American Institute of Architects, Hawaii State Council

SUBJECT: **Reference Measure GM - 615**  
**Relating to Board of Professional Engineers,**  
**Surveyors, Architects and Landscape Architects**

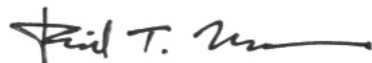
Dear Senator Keohokalole,

My name is Reid Mizue, President of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Hawaii State Council, writing to you personally in **SUPPORT** of Kevin K. Katayama appointment to Board of Professional Engineers, Surveyors, Architects and Landscape Architects (EASLA).

As a licensed Architect in the State of Hawaii, I have personally worked closely with Kevin Katayama on multiple commercial projects. During my tenure with the AIA Hawaii, I have also connected with Mr. Katayama on multiple Board of EASLA issues throughout his first four-year term. As a board member of EASLA, he has committed his professionalism and moral ethic to the duties of this particular State entity. His responsibilities to fulfill a second consecutive term as a board member will be one of continuity and diligence.

Thank you for considering to move forward with the immediate confirmation to appoint Mr. Katayama to the Board of EASLA.

Sincerely,



Reid Mizue, AIA



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February 28, 2024

Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole  
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Keohokalole:

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Confirmation of Kevin Katayama  
GM 615 Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and  
Landscape Architects

I **SUPPORT** the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Kevin Katayama for the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Mr. Katayama is a highly respected Mechanical Engineer in the design professional community. He is a knowledgeable design engineer with strong technical skills and is also being a business leader, running his consulting engineering firm with integrity and high ethical standards. I have witnessed his dedication to maintaining these high standards for our engineering community.

I have also known Mr. Katayama personally for over 40 years. We first became acquainted while studying engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Through the years, we have worked on numerous design projects together and we continue to collaborate on projects that benefit our local community. Mr. Katayama has served on the Board in the past and his continued service will be a tremendous asset to the Board and the engineering community, at large.

Sincerely,

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dba PARK ENGINEERING

Keith S. Uemura

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Keith S. Uemura, P.E.  
President



February 28, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: **GM615 for Kevin Katayama, P.E. for  
The Board of Professional Engineers, Architects,  
Surveyors and Landscape Architects**

I am proud to write and submit testimony on behalf of Kevin Katayama who is re-applying to be a member of the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscaping Architects (EASLA). I have known Kevin professionally for more than 25 years and have served with him on the EASLA Board for more than 10 years.

Kevin Katayama is a good Licensed Mechanical Engineers who is diligent and thorough in his work. I have worked on projects with him and his firm that has been successful with no issues with his design and coordination.

During my time serving on the EASLA with Kevin, I have known Kevin to be honest, fair and trustworthy in his review of issues that come before the EASLA Board. Kevin has a thorough knowledge of the laws and rules that the EASLA Board has to abide by.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend you to approve of Kevin to another 8 years on the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects. Kevin Katayama will serve the people of Hawaii well.

Very truly yours,



Clayton C. Y. Pang, P.E.  
President, Electech Hawaii, Inc.  
Consulting Electrical Engineers

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