

Testimony of the Contractors License Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Monday, March 30, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 586, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JERRY NISHEK,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Contractors License Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Jerry Nishek's re-appointment as a specialty contractor member.

Mr. Nishek has been licensed as a landscaping contractor since September 20, 1996, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Since 1979 he has been the general manager and corporate treasurer of Kauai Nursery & Landscaping, Inc. He is also a member of the Contractor's Association of Kauai having held the positions of secretary, vice president and president twice.

Mr. Nishek also was a member of the State of Hawaii Advisory Committee on Pesticides from July 1, 2005, to June 30th, 2009, which was a senate confirmed position.

Mr. Nishek's term on the Board began in July 2021 and he is currently the Board's chairperson. Mr. Nishek is a conscientious Board member comes well prepared to discuss the matters on the Board's agendas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



March 26, 2026

To: State Of Hawaii
Boards and Commissions

I have known Jerry Nishek for over 30 years both personally and professionally as a landscape subcontractor. He has served well and I believe will continue to serve well on the contractor's license board as his good character and fair dealing with the public are a great asset in the community. He has also been a member the Contractors Association of Kauai for 30+ years in different capacities including President 2 years and serving in many committees.

Jerry also has an extensive background in serving the community including Soil & Water Conservation Board, State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Advisory and others including helping with the Boy Scouts.

He has volunteered in many community service projects benefitting the people of Kauai.

I believe Jerry will greatly benefit the people of Hawaii continuing his service as a member of the Contractors License Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan T Konishi".

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March 26, 2026

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol, Room #229
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

RE: Letter of Support for **Jerry Nishek** to the
Contractors Licensing Board (GM586)

I am Lauren Starner, President of the hundred member Contractors Association of Kauai (CAK) submitting this letter of support for Jerry Nishek to the Contractors Licensing Board representing Kauai County.

Mr. Nishek has been a licensed general contractor (License # ABC 10825) for 30 years, during which time he has been a Responsible Managing Employee (RME) for Kauai Nursery and Landscaping, a family owned Kauai based general contracting and specialty (Landscaping) construction company.

Mr. Nishek is an active member of our Association having served as a member of the Board of Directors, and an officer, including several terms as President of the Board. He is an active participant in Association projects and committees. Mr. Nishek has also served as chair of the Contractors Licensing Board during his first term on the Board.

We believe Mr. Nishek will bring a healthy neighbor island perspective to the Contractors Licensing Board along with a skill set as a general contractor and a specialty contractor.

The Contractors Association of Kauai and its Board of Directors supports **Jerry Nishek's** appointment to be a continuing member on the Contractors Licensing Board.

copy: Senator Ronald Kouchi, Senate President

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March 25, 2026

Letter of Support
for
Jerry Nishek (GM586)
for appointment on the Contractors Licensing Board

Aloha Senator Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

I am writing this letter of support for **Jerry Nishek**, who was nominated by Governor Green to a position on the Contractors Licensing Board representing Kaua'i County.

I have known and worked with Mr. Nishek professionally for nearly 35 years in my capacity as Executive Director of the Contractors Association of Kaua'i (CAK). Mr. Nishek has been an active member of the Association, serving on the Board of Directors including several terms as President. He also makes time to actively participate in projects and Association committees.

He was also a member of the East Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation District and the Kaua'i representative on the State Pesticide Advisory Council. He is currently on the council of the Lihu'e Lutheran Church.

Mr. Nishek will bring a wide range of skill set to the Contractors Licensing Board as a licensed general contractor and a specialty contractor. He also chaired the Contractors Licensing Board during his first term on the Board.

I highly recommend **Jerry Nishek** for confirmation on the Contractors Licensing Board representing Kaua'i County, our construction industry and licensed contractors. If you need more information, please feel free to contact me at 1.808.246.2662.

Sincerely,



Karen Taketa
Executive Director

copy: Senate President Ronald Kouchi, fyi only