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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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

**On the following measure:
G.M. 677, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, PAUL BADUA, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030.**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Y. Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Paul Badua Jr. to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board.

Mr. Badua is a working elevator mechanic with progressive experience from helper to mechanic, currently employed with Mitsubishi Elevators in Aiea. He has installed and maintained elevator systems, performed inspections, responded to service calls, and upgraded outdated components, all while ensuring compliance with safety standards. His previous work with Heide & Cooke Elevators and Schindler Elevator further demonstrates broad experience with elevators, escalators, and moving walks throughout Hawaii.

He completed the National Elevator Industry Educational Program at Honolulu Community College, providing a solid foundation in technical and safety requirements.

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His skills in wiring, diagnostics, troubleshooting, system upgrades, and installation will bring an informed, practical perspective to the Board's work of protecting public safety. For these reasons, the Department supports the confirmation of Paul Badua, Jr.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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GM 677 – Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Paul Badua, Jr.

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair, Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair, and Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

I am pleased to offer my strongest recommendation of Paul Badua, Jr. for appointment to the State of Hawaii Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board. I have had the privilege of knowing Paul since he entered the trade seven years ago, and throughout that time he has consistently demonstrated exceptional integrity, humility, intelligence, and character.

Paul has met every challenge before him with determination and professionalism, earning the recognition he has received through merit and perseverance. He possesses an exemplary work ethic and is a thoughtful, self-motivated individual with outstanding communication skills. I have come to rely on him as a dependable and trustworthy professional who approaches his work with honesty, resourcefulness, and an open mind.

He embodies the highest standards of what it means to be an Elevator Constructor. Paul is deeply committed to the advancement of the industry and is equally dedicated to the safety and well-being of the riding public. He approaches his responsibilities with a steadfast refusal to compromise on safety, reflecting both his technical competence and his principled judgment.

Paul has a clear understanding of the duties and challenges facing the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board. His passion for the trade has inspired him to pursue this opportunity to contribute meaningfully offering informed perspectives, thoughtful insight, and a genuine desire to uphold and strengthen the Board's standards. He has taken the initiative to educate himself on the key issues impacting both the industry and the Board, demonstrating his commitment to making a positive and lasting impact.

He is well prepared to provide valuable input and sound guidance as the Board continues its mission to ensure the training and qualification of skilled elevator mechanics, thereby promoting public safety and confidence.

I strongly encourage you to give Paul Badua, Jr.'s appointment your full consideration. I am confident that he will be an outstanding addition to the Board and a meaningful contributor for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Testimony for CPN on 3/30/2026 9:30:00 AM

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Comments:

Aloha, My name is Robert Greig and I am in support of Paul Badua and his appointment to the Elevator Mechanics licensing board. He has grown over the years and even though he's a young mechanic, he has stepped up to every challenge put in front of him. He will make a good member on the licensing board and I humbly ask for your approval.