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**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 265.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 265, regarding the **reappointment** of Ronald H. Nakamine to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Nakamine's reappointment to the Board.

Mr. Nakamine is being reappointed to the Board as an elevator mechanic licensee member. He has been licensed since September 16, 1971, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Nakamine has attended every meeting since being appointed to the Board in 2005. He is able to evaluate the issues facing the Board objectively, balancing the interests of consumers and licensees. Mr. Nakamine brings to the table his thirty eight years of experience as a journeyman elevator mechanic. He is also very diligent in responding to requests for input on rule amendments and other related matters. His reappointment will ensure continuity of the Board's efforts to effectively oversee the practice of elevator mechanics in Hawaii.

The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Nakamine to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Senate Committee Commerce and Consumer Protection

Ronald Nakamine

Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board

Chair Baker and members of the Senate committee on  
Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators I would like to thank you for hearing my  
renomination to the State Elevator Licensing Board.

I was born on Maui and raised on Oahu and have  
been a life long resident of the State of Hawaii. I graduated  
from Farrington high school and have two years of  
college but did not complete my college education.

I hold a State of Hawaii journeyman elevator license  
which I have had for over 36 years. I have held this  
license since the State first required licensing. EVM-65

I started working in the trade in 1969 and have  
performed work in installation, modernization,  
repair and service. I have worked on elevators,  
escalators and dumbwaiters. The majority of my  
career has been in the service sector.

I have extensive training regarding equipment  
and safety procedure. Most of my training have been in  
Hawaii but I have attended training on the Mainland U.S.  
and Canada.

I have served on various committees and participated in several forums related to the trade.

I am presently a member of Elevator Union Local 126. I am on the executive board, serve on the joint elevator apprenticeship committee, elevator licensing board and a instructor for the elevator trade apprenticeship program at Honolulu Community College.

I feel that serving on this board is a way to give something back to my State and my trade. I believe this board serves a very important function. The board sets and dictates the criteria to screen and qualify tradesmen. This is to ensure that people are trained and qualified to do work in this State. There are many safety features built into the systems. Safety is a very large part of our training. We are trained to keep the equipment running properly, so we can keep the public, our co-workers and our selves safe from harm. This cannot be over stressed. We are constantly reminded this is part of our job

Thank you

Conrad W. Nakamura → 3-2-09

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Business Rep. - Financial sec.

Elevator Local 126

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Chairman & CEO

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Honolulu Community College Co-ordinator

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Maurice Moita

Supervising Elevator Inspector

Elevator Section

## Personal History

Ronald H. Neukam

Date of Birth 04-06-45 Resident of Hawaii 63 yrs 11 mo.

Applying for Elevator Licensing Board

## Employment History

1999 to present Thyssen Krupp Elevator Co.

1993 to 1999 US Elevator Co.

1982 to 1993 Hawaiian Pacific Co.

1969 to 1982 Montgomery Elevator Co.

## Education History

Farrington High School graduated 1963

Jackson College 2 years college no degree.

## Training for new equipment and work

Notem Elevator Company Toronto Canada

C.E.C. Elevator Company New York

Thyssen Elevator Company Houston

National Elevator Industry Educational Program

Training for Instructors. Attend two training sessions on two different years.

## Work related

State EVM #65 (7-04 to present). IVEC executive board member, former recording secretary, Joint Apprenticeship Committee member. Instructor for the elevator apprenticeship program at Honolulu Community College.