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WESLEY L.K.M. LIM

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, WESLEY L.K.M. LIM, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

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April 13, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige Chair, Committee on Health Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject:

Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

Testimony for Nominees Bradley Pierce and Wesley Lim

Dear Chair Ige:

On April 15, 2009 the Senate Committee on Health is scheduled to hold a confirmation hearing for nominees, Bradley Pierce and Wesley Lim, to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities "Board"). We ask for your committee's support of the nominees to the Board.

Mr. Pierce has been employed by the County of Maui as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility since October 1997. Mr. Pierce has a Grade IV (highest level) wastewater treatment plant operator certificate and is in good standing with the Board. He will be a welcome addition to fill the Maui representative's position on the Board effective, July 1, 2009.

Mr. Lim is currently employed by the City and County of Honolulu as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor IV at the Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant. He is also a certified Grade IV operator in good standing with the Board, and will be a welcome addition to the fill the vacant Oahu position on the Board.

If confirmed, the nominees will bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and insights to Board meetings that will enable the Board to deal with the many issues and aspects involved in administering the mandatory certification of operators of wastewater treatment plants. We are confident that Mr. Pierce and Mr. Lim will carry out their appointed tasks well.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nominees.

Sincerely,

Myron Nomura Co-chair, Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities
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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair Senate Committee on Health Silveter Ulep, Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu

Wednesday, April 15, 2009, Conference Room 016

Support the confirmation of Mr. Wesley Lim as member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

My name is Silvester Ulep, Chief of the Division of Wastewater Treatment and Disposal, Department of Environmental Services, City and County of Honolulu. I testify on behalf of the City and County of Honolulu and we are in strong support in the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Wesley Lim as our representative to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Mr. Lim has been with the City since April 23, 2001 and currently serves as Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor IV at the Windward Region. He possesses a Grade IV operator license, the highest license given by the State Board of Certification. Mr. Lim is retired U.S. Army Field Grade Officer. He is graduate of the University of Hawaii with BA in Zoology. We strongly believe in his capabilities, fairness, and ability to perform the function as member of the Board.

We strongly urge your Committee on Health to confirm Mr. Wesley Lim as member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.