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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0736
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, JON KAWAMURA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030.

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 04/10/2026, 1:00 pm, 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports the Governor’s
3 nominee, Mr. Jon Kawamura, to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in
4 Wastewater Treatment Plants (Board).

5 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Management Division, Wastewater Branch
6 (EMD-WWB) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

7 Mr. Kawamura’s confirmation will allow the Board to continue to operate and perform
8 its duties as required under Chapter 11-61, Hawai’i Administrative Rules, entitled, “Mandatory
9 Certification of Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.”

10 Mr. Kawamura currently works as a certified Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant
11 Operator at Hawai’i Water Service. He has over 35 years of wastewater treatment plant
12 operator experience with Hawai’i Water Service, Aqua Engineers, Operations Management
13 International, and City and County of Honolulu.

1 The Department believes that Mr. Kawamura will be a great asset to the Board as the
2 representative from the County of Hawai'i, who will represent the one (1) of four (4) individuals
3 employed in a wastewater treatment plant either as a certified operator or certified supervisor
4 of a wastewater treatment plant and one (1) of three (3) individuals employed in the neighbor
5 island counties, in compliance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 340B-4.

6 **Offered Amendments:** None.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.