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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0768**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating**  
**Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVIN NAKAMURA,**  
**for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

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

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 04/13/2026, 1:00 pm, 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports the Governor’s  
3 nominee, Mr. Kevin Nakamura, 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. Nakamura’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. Nakamura currently works as a Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at  
11 Aqua Engineers. He has over 27 years of wastewater treatment plant operator and  
12 environmental protection experience with the City and County of Honolulu, Aqua Engineers,  
13 and State of Hawai’i Department of Health.

1           The Department believes that Mr. Nakamura will be a great asset to the Board as the  
2 representative from the private sector interested in the field of water pollution control, in  
3 compliance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 340B-4.

4   **Offered Amendments:** None.

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