

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 528

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 528, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS

G.M. No. 528 JAMES LANDGRAF
for a term to expire 06-30-2029,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by James Landgraf for service on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of James Landgraf from the Department of Health.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Landgraf's background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be reappointed to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators as a member who is duly qualified in the fields of sanitary engineering or public water system operation. Your Committee notes that Mr. Landgraf has nearly thirty-five years of experience in the operation of surface water treatment facilities and water distribution systems, and has been serving as the Deputy Director of the Department of Water Supply of the County of Maui since January 2023, overseeing the Department's operations, after twelve years of service as a Water Treatment Plant Operator IV with the Department, responsible for the daily

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operation and maintenance of several Grade IV and Grade II surface water treatment facilities. He has also been working as an Operations Manager for JN Construction Inc. since 2005, overseeing operations pertaining to water disinfection for water systems, waterlines, and water storage tanks. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Landgraf has been serving on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators since 2021, and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee finds that Mr. Landgraf's experience and knowledge in public water systems will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that James Landgraf be reappointed to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators based on his experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health and Human
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



