

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3982

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 768

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. 768, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANTS

G.M. No. 768 KEVIN NAKAMURA
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Kevin Nakamura for service on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Kevin Nakamura from the Department of Health.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Nakamura's background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be reappointed to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants as a member who is from the private sector interested in the field of water pollution control. Your Committee notes that Mr. Nakamura has nearly three decades of experience as a wastewater treatment plant operator and supervisor, and has been working as an Operations Superintendent for the Schofield Barracks Wastewater Treatment Plant at Aqua Engineers, Inc. since 2020, where he is responsible



for the overall management of the wastewater system, including reviewing operational logs and facilitating staff coordination and decision-making on the wastewater system operational budget, project prioritization, scheduling and coordination of capital improvement projects, and coordination of plant mechanical and electrical subcontractors. Previously, Mr. Nakamura served as an Environmental Health Specialist with the Department of Health, safeguarding public health through prevention, abatement, and control of noise pollution in the State. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Nakamura has served on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants for multiple terms and has a thorough understanding of the roles and responsibilities of its members. Your Committee finds that Mr. Nakamura's experience and knowledge will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Kevin Nakamura be reappointed to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants 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



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS
Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* 768	Committee Referral: HHS	Date: 04/16/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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