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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0528
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of
Public Water System Operators, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES LANDGRAF,
for a term to expire 06-30-2029

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

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 4/15/2026, 01:00 pm, 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports the Governor’s
3 nominee, Mr. James Landgraf, to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators
4 (Board).

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

7 The Department supports GM0528, the nomination of Mr. Landgraf to serve on the
8 Board for a second consecutive term.

9 Mr. Landgraf has 35 years of experience in the operation of surface water treatment
10 facilities and water distribution systems. He is currently employed at the County of Maui
11 Department of Water Supply and JN Construction, Inc. At the County of Maui, Mr. Landgraf is
12 the Deputy Director responsible for the operations of all the County of Maui public water
13 systems including the most complex surface water treatment facilities in the state. At

1 JN Construction, Inc., he is responsible for overseeing the operations of water distribution
2 systems.

3 In addition to his extensive public drinking water experience, Mr. Landgraf possesses
4 both a Water Treatment Plant Operator and Distribution System Operator certification at the
5 highest grade level of 4. Therefore, he understands the value of a certification program. His
6 knowledge of surface water treatment facilities will bring valuable insight to the Board, and his
7 willingness to serve a second term demonstrates his commitment to his profession and the
8 certification of drinking water system operators.

9 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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