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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0734
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, GARY HUTCHINSON, 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: 04/8/2026, 1:00 pm, 225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) supports the Governor’s
3 nominee, Mr. Gary Hutchinson, 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. Hutchinson’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. Hutchinson currently works as a Contracting Officer Representative for the
11 U.S. Army Garrison, Department of Defense, for wastewater, water, and solid waste operations
12 and maintains an active Hawai’i professional civil engineering license and Hawai’i Grade IV
13 wastewater certification. He has over 29 years of wastewater treatment plant operator and
14 engineer experience with Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility, City of Sparks, Nevada;

1 Sand Island, Laie, Honouliuli, Waianae, and Kailua wastewater treatment plants, City and
2 County of Honolulu, Hawai'i; and Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa wastewater treatment
3 facilities, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawai'i.

4 The Department believes that Mr. Hutchinson will be a great asset to the Board as the
5 representative who is an active member of the Hawai'i water pollution control association, in
6 compliance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 340B-4.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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