

GM 5

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, RONALD HAY, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s):



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM5

**GM5, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
RONALD HAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: August 29, 2017
Time: 1:30 PM

Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department strongly supports the Governor's nominee,
- 3 Mr. Ronald Hay, to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment
- 4 Plants (Board). Mr. Hay's confirmation will allow the Board to continue to operate and perform its
- 5 duties required under Chapter 11-61, Hawaii Administrative Rules, entitled, "Mandatory
- 6 Certification of Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants."
- 7 Mr. Hay currently holds a Grade 4 wastewater treatment plant operator certificate and is employed
- 8 by the Hawaii Water Service Company as the Manager of Wastewater Systems. He has eighteen
- 9 years of wastewater treatment plant operations experience and will serve as the Private Sector
- 10 representative on the Board.
- 11 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

August 24, 2017

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Hawaii State Senate

SU: Recommendation Letter for Ronald Hay for the Board of Certification

Dear Senator Baker:

It is my pleasure to offer a recommendation for Mr. Ronald Hay who is a nominee to serve as a member of the Board of Certification for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators (BOC). I have known Ron for six years. During that period we have served together on the BOC where I have been the member representing the University of Hawaii and Mr. Hay represented private company operators. Mr. Hay has been an excellent BOC member. He is always prepared for meetings and knows and understands the rules and regulations. He is very conscientious – he really cares about the operators who apply/reapply for licenses and exams. During meetings, when we are evaluating submitted applications and requests, he is always willing to call operators who's applications are missing some information so that the application will not be rejected or have to wait two months until the next meeting. He always has the needs and interests of the operators we serve in mind. I also know Mr. Hay as a wastewater operator trainer. I run the Statewide Wastewater Operator Training Center (SWOTC) out of UH Manoa. Ron teaches classes in Waikoloa and Hilo for the SWOTC and always gets excellent reviews because he is both VERY knowledgeable due to his many years of experience and also a caring instructor who wants the students to learn and will work with them to find a way to effectively make learning and knowledge transfer occur. I believe the Mr. Ronald Hay is an excellent choice for the BOC and that he will serve with excellence, honor and integrity. I hereby offer my sincere recommendation for Mr. Hay's re-appointment to the BOC.

Sincerely,



Roger Babcock
Professor