

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1931

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 662,
663

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 662 and 663, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

G.M. No. 662 DANA P. RIDDLE,
for a term to expire 6-30-2009; and

G.M. No. 663 BERT S. UYENO,
for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees, and finds Dana P. Riddle and Bert S. Uyeno to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Certification of Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Dana P. Riddle from the Department of Health, Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, and two individuals.

Mr. Riddle has a longstanding career in wastewater systems with over twenty years of experience, both in Hawaii and on the mainland. Presently, he serves as the Operator for the Kealakehe Wastewater Treatment Plant for the County of Hawaii and is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Kealakehe



Wastewater Treatment Plant, which includes close monitoring of sewage pumping stations using pond technology in order to avoid excessive algal growths and extensive lab work. Mr. Riddle is also the author of the book, *The Captive Reef*, as well as over one hundred twenty magazine and journal articles and has been an invited speaker to various regional and national conferences on captive ecosystems. His considerable knowledge and expertise in the area of wastewater treatment will allow him to make valuable contributions to the Board of Certification of Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Your Committee received testimony in support of Bert S. Uyeno from the Department of Health and the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Mr. Uyeno presently works as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Working Supervisor for the County of Kauai where he has been employed since 1979. He is also a Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, a Certified Water Treatment Plant Operator, and a registered mechanic. Mr. Uyeno's knowledge of wastewater treatment will provide him with a heightened understanding of the complex wastewater management issues in Hawaii, making him an important component to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



