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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**GM 545, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
OPERATORS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JODI M. YAMAMI, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of
2 Ms. Jodi M. Yamami to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Yamami currently serves in the Safe Drinking Water Branch,
5 Environmental Management Division of the Department of Health. Her position provides direct support
6 to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators. As such, she receives applications and
7 makes sure that they are ready for board review at quarterly meetings. She receives and receipts
8 payments for the application fees and certification examinations. She will be called upon to teach
9 refresher courses to potential examinees and arrange for appropriate training when called upon. During
10 her short tenure with the Safe Drinking Water Branch, Ms. Yamami has demonstrated ability to quickly
11 understand the operator certification process and effect improvements in several of the Branch's