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

**GM 546, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
OPERATORS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LAN R. YONEDA, FOR A
TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

April 11, 2008 - 9:30 a.m.

Department's Position: The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of

2 Mr. Lan R. Yoneda to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Yoneda has substantial experience in water system field operations,
5 currently holding the position of Superintendent Field Operations Division with the Honolulu Board of
6 Water Supply. In this position, he is responsible for the supervision of the BWS distribution system
7 operators for the Metropolitan Honolulu District. Mr. Yoneda has held a Class IV Distribution System
8 Operator Certification since 2001. In addition, Mr. Yoneda is a licensed civil engineer, and has been an
9 instructor of Blueprint Reading, Plumbing Science and Mathematics at the Honolulu Community
10 Science since 1998.

11 We know that Mr. Yoneda's unique combination of talents and experience will allow him to
12 contribute strongly to the overall function of the Board of Certification of Public Water System
13 Operators.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of his nomination.