

GM 578

BRADLEY M. PIERCE

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRADLEY M. PIERCE, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health

April 14, 2009

Bradley M. Pierce

GM # 578 - Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, mahalo for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration on my confirmation to the Board of Certification of operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

I am originally from a small town in Connecticut. I graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. I lived in North Carolina until August of 1986 when I move to Maui. I have live on Maui since that time, settling in Kihei in 1991.

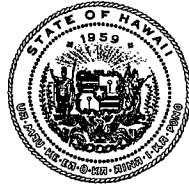
I started working in the wastewater field in 1997 as an Assistant Operator for the County of Maui Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division (the Department of Public Works changed its name to the Department of Environmental Management in 2007). From that time I have preformed various duties and filled several positions. Starting as an assistant wastewater operator, received my Grade 4 Operator's certificate in March 2002, and have TA'd (Temporary Assignment) to the positions of Working Supervisor and Supervisor of the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility. Since June 2006 I have TA'd to the Technical Support Engineer in the Operations section of the Wastewater Division. My current position has me working closely every aspect of the wastewater industry; State of Hawaii Department of Health, Maui County's Wastewater Administration, Planning, Design & Constructions sections, Operations, and Maintenance sections, I also have frequent interaction with the private wastewater operations, private Engineering firms, construction firms, and with operators from Kauai, Big Island, and City & County Oahu.

A position on the Board of Certification of operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants would provide me an opportunity to continue to serve the wastewater industry in the area of State regulations and industry oversight. My years of experience in as a licensed operator and as Technical Support Engineer along with my exposure to numerous aspects of the industry in Hawaii qualify me for is position. I have the ability to meet and work with others, I'm capable of being objective – seeing other's views and working towards a mutually beneficial compromise. I see my role on the board as being involved in the problems and issue that arise in our industry in the state. My goal is to help shape the future of Wastewater in Hawaii and help provide solutions to the problems that arise within the industry. I am objective and open minded. I have the ability to see the "big picture" and am not afraid to be part of the effort necessary to help achieve the Board's goals.

I have no personnel or professional relationships that would conflict with me from fulfilling my duties on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

I want to thank you for reviewing my application for the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I believe that I my personnel and professional experience provide me with the skills necessary to be a positive addition to the board. I ask you to support my nomination to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHARLES DAWRS
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Chairs

STATE OF HAWAII
Board of Certification of Operating Personnel
In Wastewater Treatment Plants
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In reply, please refer to:
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April 13, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Chair, Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants
Testimony for Nominees Bradley Pierce and Wesley Lim

Dear Chair Ige:

On April 15, 2009 the Senate Committee on Health is scheduled to hold a confirmation hearing for nominees, Bradley Pierce and Wesley Lim, to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities "Board"). We ask for your committee's support of the nominees to the Board.

Mr. Pierce has been employed by the County of Maui as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility since October 1997. Mr. Pierce has a Grade IV (highest level) wastewater treatment plant operator certificate and is in good standing with the Board. He will be a welcome addition to fill the Maui representative's position on the Board effective, July 1, 2009.

Mr. Lim is currently employed by the City and County of Honolulu as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor IV at the Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant. He is also a certified Grade IV operator in good standing with the Board, and will be a welcome addition to the fill the vacant Oahu position on the Board.

If confirmed, the nominees will bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and insights to Board meetings that will enable the Board to deal with the many issues and aspects involved in administering the mandatory certification of operators of wastewater treatment plants. We are confident that Mr. Pierce and Mr. Lim will carry out their appointed tasks well.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nominees.

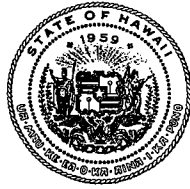
Sincerely,

Myron Nomura

Co-chair, Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

GM 577, AND GM 578, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES, WESLEY L.K.M. LIM AND BRADLEY M. PIERCE, FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012 AND 6-30-2013 RESPECTIVELY

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

April 15, 2009
2:45 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** Strongly Support

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department supports these messages on the Governor's two
4 appointees to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities
5 (Board). Confirming the two appointees, Mr. Wesley L.K.M Lim and Mr. Bradley M. Pierce will allow
6 the Board to continue to operate and perform its duties as required in Hawaii Administrative Rule,
7 Title 11, Chapter 61, "Mandatory Certification of Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater
8 Treatment Plants."

9 Mr. Wesley L.K.M. Lim has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Zoology from the University of
10 Hawaii at Manoa and had taken Wastewater Treatment Courses at California State University-
11 Sacramento. He has nine years of supervisory and operations experience in the wastewater industry.
12 Mr. Lim is a Grade 4 certified operator with the City and County of Honolulu and is currently working

1 as a supervisor at the Kailua Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. He will serve in the capacity of the
2 Board member representing the City and County of Honolulu.

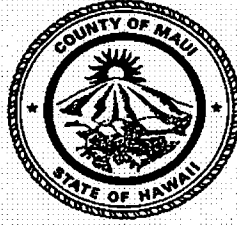
3 Mr. Bradley M. Pierce has a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Resource Administration from
4 North Carolina State University. He has over eight years of supervisory and operations experience in
5 the wastewater industry. Mr. Pierce is a Grade 4 certified operator with the County of Maui and is
6 temporarily assigned as a wastewater operations technical support engineer with the County of Maui.
7 He represents wastewater operators from the County of Maui.

8 Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify before your committee.

CHARMAINE TAVARES
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**COUNTY OF MAUI
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April 13, 2009

Senator David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Letter of Personal Recommendation for Mr. Bradley Pierce to the
Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater
Treatment Plants**

Dear Senator Ige:

It is with pleasure that I recommend Mr. Bradley Pierce to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. I have been a licensed civil engineer working in the wastewater field since 1990. I am currently the Division Chief for the Wastewater Reclamation Division of the Department of Environmental Management, and have known Mr. Pierce since he started with the County in 1997.

Mr. Pierce has demonstrated the ability to grasp the complexity of problems while still being able to see the big picture and how solutions affect the division as a whole. He is willing to accept challenges and solving problems, and he excels at organizing people around a common goal. He is productive and efficient, and completes tasks in a timely manner. In his current position as Technical Support Engineer, he demonstrates his ability to work with all levels of our division and within the County.

It is with great confidence that I recommend Mr. Bradley Pierce to serve on this board. I am confident that he will work tirelessly to achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Taylor".

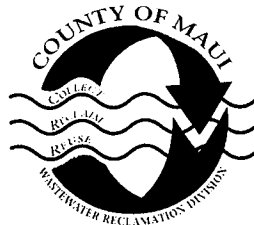
David Taylor, PE
Chief, Wastewater Reclamation Division

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WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DIVISION
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

April 9, 2009

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Lahaina, HI 96761

Kahului Wastewater Facility
281 Amala Place
Kahului, HI 96732

Kihei Wastewater Facility
480 East Welakahao Rd.
Kihei, Hawaii 96753

Molokai Wastewater Facility
Maunaloa Highway
Kaunakakai, Molokai 96748

Lanai Wastewater Facility
12th Street
Lanai City, HI 96763

Senator David Y. Ige
Hawaii State Capitol, room 215
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Senator Ige:

I would like to introduce you to Mr. Bradley Pierce, a current Wastewater Operations Grade IV Operator.

I have been working with Brad for the last ten years at the Maui Wastewater Treatment Plants.

As the present Board of Certification representative of Maui County, I can state that he would be a very good replacement for my vacancy.

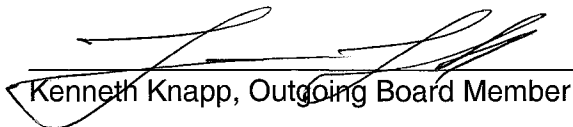
Bradley Pierce is an up standing operator and a good church going member of the community.

I believe he will blend in and bring outstanding contributions to the present Board of Certification of Operating Personnel and Wastewater Plants.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (808) 877-7808 or at (808) 250-9135.

Thank you.

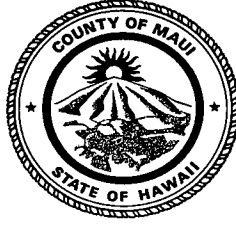
Respectfully submitted,


Kenneth Knapp, Outgoing Board Member

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**SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation, GM # 578 Mr. Bradley Pierce
Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater
Treatment Plants Confirmation of Nomination**

Dear Senator Ige:

It is with pleasure that I recommend Mr. Bradley Pierce to sit on the above named board. I have worked in the wastewater field for the County of Maui for eighteen years and have known Mr. Pierce since he started with us in 1997. I am presently assigned to the Wastewater Operations Program Superintendent and have worked closely with Mr. Pierce since 2006.

Mr. Pierce has a demonstrated ability to grasp the complexity of problems while still maintaining the ability to see the big picture and how solutions affect the Division as a whole. He accepts challenges and solving problems, and seeks goals and outcomes that are beneficial to our Division as a whole. He is productive and efficient, and completes tasks assigned. He is currently assigned as the Division's Technical Support Engineer. In this position he demonstrated his ability to work with all levels of our Division and within the County.

It is with confidence that I recommend Mr. Bradley Pierce to serve on this board. Should there be any questions or any additional information needed, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Ratte
Operations Program Superintendent
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April 9, 2009

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Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater
Treatment Plants-- for confirmation of nomination

Dear Senator Ige:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Mr. Bradley Pierce to sit on the above named board. I have been a practicing pediatrician and forensic medicine specialist on Maui for 39 years. I have known Mr. Pierce as a personal friend for over 20 years. During that time I have worked with him on numerous boards and committees, church projects and family get-togethers.

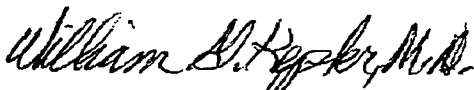
Brad has a good mind and an exceptional memory. He enjoys taking on challenges and solving problems, and he excels at organizing people around a common goal. He is productive and efficient, and completes tasks rapidly.

Brad is usually the first to jump in and work hard to get things done. He loves to paint houses, use a chain saw, dig with a shovel, and work in our taro patches out in Ke`anae. He is fun to be around, likeable, strong, sensitive, and easy to work with.

Brad's character and work ethic are outstanding. He is hard working and extremely punctual. He is a leader at Hope Chapel in Kihei, and I have watched him work skillfully with both troubled and non-troubled youth. He has been a mentor to countless young people on Maui, including my own three children. Perhaps his very greatest strength is his fervent commitment to his wife and his two happy young children.

It is with great confidence that I recommend Mr. Bradley Pierce to serve on this board. He will work tirelessly to achieve its goals.

Sincerely yours,



William G. Kepler, M.D.