

**GM 587**

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## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

### GM 586, 587, AND 588, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES, ROGER BABCOCK, AUDREY K. UYEMA PAK, AND LOREN S. TANIGAWA, FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health

March 30, 2011  
3:00 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 three  
4 nominees to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants (Board).  
5 Confirming the three nominees, Mr. Roger Babcock, Ms. Audrey J. Uyema Pak, and  
6 Mr. Loren S. Tanigawa, will allow the Board to continue to operate and perform its duties as required  
7 under Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 61, "Mandatory Certification of Wastewater  
8 Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants."

9 Mr. Roger Babcock is an associate professor in the College of Engineering at the University of  
10 Hawaii and is an associate researcher at the Water Resources Research Center. He has a Ph.D. in Civil  
11 and Environmental Engineering from UCLA and has been on the faculty of the University of Hawaii for  
12 the past 15 years. Dr. Babcock has previously served on the Board eight years ago and brings much  
13 experience and knowledge to serve in the capacity of the engineering faculty member on the Board.

1 Ms. Audrey J. Uyema Pak is currently a member of the Board whose term will expire on  
2 June 30, 2011. She has a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Hawaii and  
3 currently works in the Wastewater Branch of the Department of Health as an Environmental Engineer.  
4 She conducts operation and maintenance inspections of wastewater treatment plants statewide and has  
5 good working relationships with treatment plant operators. Ms. Uyema Pak has over 15 years of  
6 experience in the wastewater and environmental engineering field and will represent the Department of  
7 Health on the Board.

8 Mr. Loren S. Tanigawa is presently a Grade 3 certified wastewater treatment plant operator  
9 employed by the County of Kauai. He has over six years of operations experience at the Wailua  
10 Wastewater Treatment Plant on Kauai and will represent the operators on his island well. He will serve  
11 in the capacity of Kauai's representative on the Board.

12 Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify before your committee.