

# GM 644

DATE: Wednesday April 6, 2011  
TIME: 3:00 p.m.

## A G E N D A

**GM 644** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operation Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, **KEVIN NAKAMURA**, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
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In reply, please refer to:  
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## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

### GM 644, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEVIN NAKAMURA, FOR TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015

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

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

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department supports this message on the Governor's nominee,

4 **Kevin Nakamura,** to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

5 (Board). Confirmation of Mr. Nakamura will allow the Board to continue to operate and perform its

6 duties as required under Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 11, Chapter 61, "Mandatory Certification of

7 Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants."

8 Mr. Nakamura holds a Grade 4 wastewater treatment plant operator certificate and is currently a

9 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Superintendent for Aqua Engineers, Inc. He has over 21 years

10 of wastewater treatment plant experience and formerly worked at the City and County of Honolulu as a

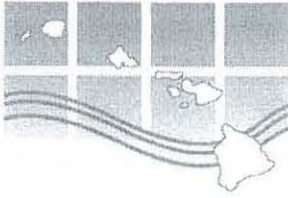
11 Wastewater Regional Superintendent. Mr. Nakamura also has a Bachelors of Arts degree from the

12 University of Hawaii and is a long standing member of the Hawaii Water Environment Association. In

13 1996, he received the association's William D. Hatfield award which is given to a wastewater treatment

1 plant operator who has shown outstanding performance and professionalism. Mr. Nakamura will serve  
2 in the capacity of the representative from the Hawaii Water Environment Association on the Board.

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



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4 April 2011

Senator Josh Green  
State Senate  
State Capital  
Room 222  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Nomination of Mr. Kevin Nakamura for  
The Board of Certification of Operating Personnel  
in Wastewater Treatment Plants – GM 644

Dear Senator Green:

The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Water Environment Association would like to express its support for Kevin Nakamura's nomination to be a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Mr. Nakamura is a certified Grade IV wastewater treatment plant operator. He has an exemplary reputation based on his prior work with the City and County of Honolulu and with his current employer, Aqua Engineers, Inc. Mr. Nakamura is a member in good standing of the Hawaii Water Environment Association (HWEA), and has been since 1994. He has also served as the HWEA Professional Wastewater Operators (PWO) representative from 2000 to 2001. His experience and demeanor will be assets to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants in their mission to protect public health, and conserve and protect the water resources of the State.

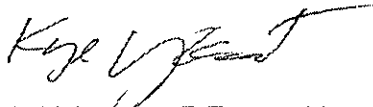
We sincerely hope that you will favorably consider Mr. Nakamura's nomination and that he will be approved by your committee.

HWEA is a member association of the Water Environment Federation (WEF), which is headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. WEF is an international not-for-profit educational and technical organization of more than 40,000 water quality experts. WEF's mission is to preserve

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and enhance the global water environment. The 400 members of HWEA include environmental and sanitary engineers, planners, wastewater treatment plant and collection system operators, chemists, microbiologists, ecologists, regulators, public health officials, scientists, researchers, educators, and concerned citizens.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Yukumoto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kyle Yukumoto, P.E., President  
Hawaii Water Environment Association

## green2 - Kealaonalehua

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**From:** freddie leonor [promarkcorp@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** green2 - Kealaonalehua  
**Subject:** Re: Kevin Nakamura - Board of Certification Nomination

Gentlemen / Madam:

I have known Mr. Kevin Nakamura since his employment at the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Treatment and Disposal Division. Mr. Nakamura is very knowledgeable of his works and diligent on his duties. I have no doubt Mr. Nakamura will be an outstanding member of the Board of Certifications.

Sincerely,

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## green2 - Kealaonalehua

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**From:** Mark Goodrowe [mark@usihawaii.biz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 9:07 AM  
**To:** green2 - Kealaonalehua  
**Subject:** GM 644

Dear Senator Green,

Please accept this testimony in support of the nomination of Kevin Nakamura for The Board of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

I have known Kevin on a professional level for over 10 years and I feel his experience and expertise would be an asset to the board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Aloha,

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**From:** Muirhead, Woodie [WMuirhead@BrwnCald.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 4:43 PM  
**To:** green2 - Kealaonalehua  
**Subject:** GM 644 - Testimony for Kevin Nakamura's Nomination to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

I am pleased to support Kevin Nakamura's Nomination to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. I have known Kevin for 10 years. His liberal arts education coupled with his technical experience at multiple wastewater treatment plants will provide the Board of Certification with a fresh and valuable perspective. Changing environmental regulations will require more of wastewater treatment plant operators in the future. I think Kevin can help our profession with progressive thinking to keep pace with future requirements.

Sincerely,

Woodie Mark Muirhead

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*Note: Woodie will begin working part-time on April 1, 2011. His scheduled workdays are Monday, Tuesday, and half-day Wednesday, which will be adjusted based on project requirements.*



## green2 - Kealaonalehua

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**From:** Paul Au [paul.k.w.au@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 3:26 PM  
**To:** HTHTestimony  
**Subject:** GM 644

Measure: GM 644  
Date: April 6, 2011  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Please accept this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Kevin Nakamura to the Board of Certification of Operation Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

I have known Mr. Nakamura for over thirty years and can attest to his good character and strong work ethic. These traits, coupled with his extensive experience in the areas under the Board's jurisdiction, make Mr. Nakamura well qualified to serve on this Board. He will be a strong asset to the State of Hawaii and I urge this Committee to confirm the nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Paul K. W. Au

Monday April 4, 2011

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair

Committee on Health

Subject: Nomination to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants (GM 644)

Honorable Senators,

I am proud to accept the nomination for the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. Throughout my career as a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, I have done my best to lead by example and share my knowledge with my fellow wastewater professionals in order to sustain the quality of Hawaii's wastewater treatment facilities. Throughout my 21 years of service, I have dedicated myself to continually learn and perform to the highest professional standards for wastewater treatment plant operators.

Nomination to the Board by my peers is an honor which means my associates recognize that I have the ability to extend my knowledge in maintaining a safe environment for our community as well as to build capacity for operator professionalism.

If confirmed as a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, I am aware of the need for continual learning in order to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Board. I am willing to work hard and learn the policies and requirements to make fair and wise decisions on board actions to protect the public's health and environment.

I humbly request your vote in favor of my confirmation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Nakamura', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin Nakamura  
Operations Superintendent  
Schofield Barracks WWTP  
Aqua Engineers, Inc