

TESTIMONY

GM756

**HTH
Confirmation Hearing
03-14-2012**

Aloha Mailene;

Mahalo for clarifying the time frame; I will reschedule my 3:30 pm appointment on March 7 then.

Here are the responses to the questions posed in your 2/24/12 letter.

(1) I wish to be a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants (BOC) to increase the professional standards and conduct of wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) operators. Our water quality (both surface and ground water) depends upon proper operation of the WWTPs.

(2) The role of BOC members is to evaluate and respond to operator inquiries regarding reciprocity, continuing education units, and the responsibilities of the plant DRC (direct responsible charge) as well as offering training opportunities and certification examinations.

(3) I have worked for Clean Water Branch for twelve (12) years inspecting the thirteen (13) WWTPs with NPDES permits. In that time I grew to appreciate the importance of qualified operators in the treatment of wastewater to prevent the discharge of pollutants to state waters.

(4) I hope to improve the level of operator professionalism.

(5) I am fair, practical, and I listen to people.

(6) I do not see any possible conflicts of interest with either my professional duties or personal activities.

Sincerely,
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**GM 756, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
LILIAN STODDARD, FOR TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015**

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

**March 7, 2012
1:30 pm**

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

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department supports the Governor's nominee, Ms. Lilian Stoddard, to
4 the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants (Board). Confirming
5 Ms. Stoddard to the Board will allow the Board to continue to operate and perform its duties required
6 under Chapter 11-61, Hawaii Administrative Rules, entitled "Mandatory Certification of Wastewater
7 Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants."

8 Ms. Stoddard is currently an Environmental Engineer in the Department's Wastewater Branch.
9 She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University and has
10 engineering experience in the private sector, as well as the Department's Clean Water Branch. While at
11 the Clean Water Branch, Ms. Stoddard conducted inspections of NPDES permitted wastewater treatment
12 plants and developed good working relationships with the operators. She has over 20 years of

- 1 experience in wastewater and environmental engineering and will represent the Department of Health
- 2 well on the Board.
- 3 Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony to your committee.