

TESTIMONY

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**HTH
Committee Hearing
03-07-2012**

Honorable Senator Josh Green, M.D.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered to serve on the Board of Certification of Public Water Systems Operators. Listed below are my response to the questions.

1. Why do wish to be a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?
 - a. Having served 16 years in the United States Air Force and 14 years with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, I would like to volunteer my services to assist the State of Hawaii in regulating the training and certification for the Public Water Systems Operators to insure quality water service for the entire State of Hawaii.
2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?
 - a. The role and responsibilities are to assure each applicant meets the minimum qualifications and achieves the training each year to maintain currency in the job they are performing. This insures the quality of water service to the general population.
3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Certification of Public water System Operators, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.
 - a. I feel I am qualified having working for the Board of Water Supply for 14 years and the United States Air Force for 16 years. I was a Superintendent for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply for the Field Operations Division where I supervised over 100 employees consisting of pipefitters, carpenters, welders, masons, equipment operators, and groundskeepers. While with the Board of Water Supply I supervised the maintenance operation of water laterals to 42 inch distribution mains to include the entire infrastructure such as valves, fire hydrants, and air release valves. I am also a graduate Civil Engineer and licensed in the State of Hawaii. I have a Distribution System Operators Certification Grade 4 for over 11 years in the state of Hawaii. Currently, I am the Assistant Chief, Division of Road Maintenance for the City and County of Honolulu.
4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
 - a. I hope to accomplish reviewing applications and recommending for approval the qualified individuals to take the exam to achieve certification.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

GM759, 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 6-30-2015

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

March 7, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Lan R.
2 Yoneda to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Yoneda is a licensed civil engineer and has fifteen years of experience
5 in water system field operations as he was the Superintendent in the Field Operations Division of the
6 Honolulu Board of Water Supply. In this position, he was responsible for the supervision of the
7 distribution system operators for the Metropolitan Honolulu district. Also, since 2001, Mr. Yoneda has
8 held a Grade 4 Distribution System Operator (DSO) certification so he fully understands the importance
9 of both maintaining certification and of a drinking water operator certification program. Currently, Mr.
10 Yoneda is Assistant Chief of the Road Division with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of
11 Facility Maintenance but continues to keep his DSO certification current.

12 In addition to his extensive work experience and training, Mr. Yoneda has served on the Board
13 of Certification of Public Water System Operators for the past 4 years. Last year, Mr. Yoneda served as
14 a "Holdover Member" of the Board, further demonstrating his commitment to the work of the Board of

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1 Certification of Public Water System Operators. His willingness to continue this service emphasizes his
2 commitment to the certification of drinking water system operators.

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