

GM556

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, Gubernatorial Nominee, GALEN SHIGETA, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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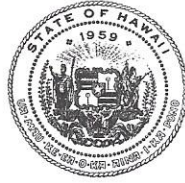
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. 556
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GALEN SHIGETA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: March 1, 2016 Room Number: 229
Time: 9:00 a.m.

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for Department of Health.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of
- 3 Mr. Galen Shigeta to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.
- 4 Mr. Shigeta has twenty years of experience in the water industry and is currently the Water Plant
- 5 Operator for the County of Kauai, Department of Water. Prior to his current position,
- 6 Mr. Shigeta started as a Pipefitter for the County and has extensive operational experience in the
- 7 field. He is one of the operators in direct responsible charge for the County's drinking water
- 8 systems, managing everything from well sources to the distribution system.
- 9 In addition to his extensive public water system experience, Mr. Shigeta possesses both a
- 10 Distribution System Operator and a Water Treatment Plant Operator certification. Therefore, he
- 11 understands the value of a certification program. His knowledge will bring valuable insight
- 12 from the field operations perspective to the Board, and his willingness to serve demonstrates his
- 13 commitment to his profession and the certification of drinking water system operators.

- 1 As of November 12, 2015, Mr. Shigeta was named an Interim Board Member on the Board of
- 2 Certification of Public Water System Operators by Governor Ige. He has been actively
- 3 participating at Board meetings since then.
- 4 Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
Expand my knowledge and possibly give me a different view of my trade, it might be interesting.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
To make the proper and right decisions as to the weight of each training session and whom should be allowed to take the level of certification.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
Through proper training we can provide safe product to the consumer.
- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.
Truthfully, I can't say I'm qualified. What I represent is the perspective of the man in the field.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
To provide operators the proper training.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
No- I would avoid the situation.