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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. 701
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARK PRESCOTT,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020**

REPRESENTATIVE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: April 7, 2017
Time: 9:00 am

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for Department of Health.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of
3 Mr. Mark Prescott to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

4 Mr. Prescott has over 11 years of experience in the drinking water industry and is
5 currently the owner and operator of the Hawaiian Beaches Water Company's small water system
6 on the island of Hawaii. In his position, Mr. Prescott has managed, through completion of
7 numerous major water system improvements, to keep his system operating smoothly. Such
8 improvements included a new well installation, a meter retrofit program, back-up generator
9 installation, and reservoir replacement.

10 In addition to this experience, Mr. Prescott possesses both a Distribution System Operator
11 and a Water Treatment Plant Operator certification and is the operator in responsible charge for
12 two water systems. His knowledge will bring valuable insight to the Board from both an

- 1 operator and an owner's perspective. His willingness to serve demonstrates his commitment to
- 2 his profession and the certification of drinking water system operators.
- 3 **Offered Amendments:** None.