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**Testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. 702
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JODI YAMAMI,
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 Ms. Jodi Yamami to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

4 Ms. Yamami has worked in the Department of Health, Environmental Management
5 Division, Safe Drinking Water Branch for nine years in an engineering position that provides
6 direct support to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators. She is also in
7 constant contact with all the Hawaii public water system operators and provides support to them
8 on a daily basis. Her position receives and reviews applications for certification. She then
9 prepares recommendations for the Board at quarterly meetings. Ms. Yamami also coordinates
10 island wide continuing education training for the operators which is required for each
11 certification renewal every two years. She further administers operator certification
12 examinations, and receives and provides individual results with the utmost emphasis on privacy
13 for each examinee.

1 Ms. Yamami has served consecutive terms on the Board of Certification of Public Water
2 System Operators in the past and has fulfilled the statutory requirement that a member of the
3 Safe Drinking Water Branch be represented on the Board. As a board member, she has
4 represented Safe Drinking Water Branch interests very well. Ms. Yamami's willingness to serve
5 a third term will be of great benefit to the Public Water System Operator Certification Program
6 while at the same time, continue the fulfillment of a statutory requirement.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None.