

GM513

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, VIRGILIO VIERNES, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

Current Referral: CPH

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of Mr. Virgil Viernes Confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Mr. Viernes has always been a positive member of the Maui Wastewater community and the Certified Operators look to him for guidance and growth moving forward.

He works well in the team dynamic of the current board and I look forward to serving with him for another term.

We all bring to the table differences of opinion, but we all come to reasonable conclusions being professionals in the field.

Thank you for your time.

Robert Souza,
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RE: GM 513
Nomination of Virgilio Viernes to the Board of Certification
Of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

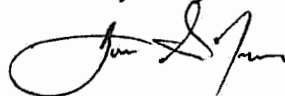
Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection
and Health Committee:

I write in strong support of the nominee, Virgilio Viernes. I have know Mr. Viernes for eight years, since I became a member of the above-referenced Board. He and I have worked closely during our respective tenures and I have actual knowledge of his abilities, personal character and diligence.

He is extremely knowledgeable in all matters within the Board's jurisdiction, having worked his way up from wastewater assistant operator to Wastewater Superintendent. He knows firsthand what operators "in the trenches" do; he also has significant supervisory/management experience and an impressive knowledge of applicable Hawaii Administrative Rules. He communicates and works well with all Board members and staff. He is willing to take on additional responsibilities to assist the Board in carrying out its functions.

I humbly ask the your Committee vote in support of Mr. Viernes' nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

Very Truly Yours,



Loren S. Tanigawa