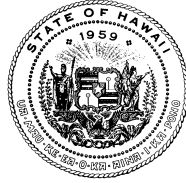


GM671

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, JON NAKASHIMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

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

Current Referral: CPH



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM671

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JON NAKASHIMA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: April 5, 2019

Room Number: CR 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) strongly supports the
3 Governor's nominee, Mr. Jon Nakashima, to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in
4 Wastewater Treatment Plants (Board). Mr. Nakashima's confirmation will allow the Board to
5 continue to operate and perform its duties required under Chapter 11-61, Hawaii Administrative
6 Rules, entitled, "Mandatory Certification of Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater
7 Treatment Plants."

8 Mr. Nakashima currently works as a Field Operations Superintendent for the County of
9 Kauai, Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division. He holds a Grade 4 wastewater
10 treatment plant operator certificate. He has over 21 years of wastewater experience. The
11 Department believes that Mr. Nakashima will be a great asset to the Board as the County of
12 Kauai representative.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 25, 2019

Governor David Y. Ige
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

**RE: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR JON J. NAKASHIMA TO
SERVE ON THE STATE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF
OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT
FACILITIES**

I am writing to you today to provide a letter of recommendation for Mr. Jon J. Nakashima, Field Operations Superintendent for the County of Kaua'i's Department of Public Works, Wastewater Division to serve on the State's Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities. This letter is being sent in my individual capacity as Council Vice Chair on the Kaua'i County Council and as the Public Works & Veterans Services Committee Chair.

Mr. Nakashima has worked for our Wastewater Division in various capacities since 1998, working his way up the chain of command from a Wastewater Plant Operator III to his current role as the Field Operations Superintendent. Mr. Nakashima is intimately familiar with the operations of the Wastewater Division and this knowledge will serve him and the State well on the Board of Certification. Mr. Nakashima has also dedicated many years of volunteer service to various youth baseball leagues on the island which detail his dedication and commitment to his island community.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Mr. Nakashima to serve on the State's Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R/K", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ROSS KAGAWA
Council Vice Chair, Kaua'i County Council

March 27, 2019



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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF JON NAKASHIMA TO THE
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR OPERATING PERSONNEL IN
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

Aloha Governor Ige

This letter serves to affirm our strong support of Mr. Jon Nakashima, Certified Grade 4 Operator, and County of Kauai Wastewater Division Operations and Maintenance Supervisor. We recommend him for the subject appointment.

Our recommendation is based on over 15 years of collaborative work to solve critical facility issues. Over the years I have come to appreciate Jon's hands-on knowledge, extensive experience, management skills and intelligence. These set of skills serves a critical board function. That critical function is vetting whether applicants have those significant traits that warrant operator certification. These traits such as diligence, accountability, and passion are critical to achieving mission critical objectives. Jon's skill set will help to insure future operators have what it takes to protect our public waterways for the betterment of our island communities.

Thank you in advance for your support of Jon and for all island stakeholders.

Best Regards,
Milton Choy
President



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March 27, 2019

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Regarding: Support for the Nomination of Jon Nakashima to the Board of Certification for
Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

Dear Governor Ige,

I have worked with Mr. Nakashima for 20 years in this industry and find that he is a dedicated, highly knowledgeable and honorable public servant. He would be a valuable asset to the Board of Certification, not only with his knowledge and experience, but, also with his people skills and demeanor. He is a critical thinker that is able to see the "big picture", and, utilizes logic.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Cell: 808-780-4000

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Best Regards,

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