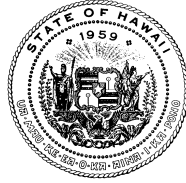


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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT SOUZA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

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

Current Referral: CPH



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM672

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
ROBERT SOUZA, 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. Robert Souza, to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in
4 Wastewater Treatment Plants (Board). Mr. Souza'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. Souza currently works as the Metro Region District Supervisor at the Sand Island
9 Wastewater Treatment Plant for the City and County of Honolulu. He holds a Grade 4
10 wastewater treatment plant operator certificate. He is currently serving as the Chair for the
11 Board. The Department believes that Mr. Souza will continue to be a great asset to the Board as
12 the City and County of Honolulu's representative.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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

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Submitted on: 4/2/2019 11:51:13 AM

Testimony for CPH on 4/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Dong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the confirmation of Robert Souza into the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. He is very experienced and has working knowledge of the Treatment Plants within Hawaii. He is familiar with HAR 11-61 and the significant decisions the Board in the past. He strives to protect the public with their health and safety in mind through every decision made.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2019 3:07:58 PM

Testimony for CPH on 4/5/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom,

I am in support of Mr. Robert Souza's confirmation to the 'Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants' (BOC). I have worked with Mr. Souza both within the Wastewater Field and as Committee members on the BoC. He has shown to be a person of great integrity and professionalism. And combined with his almost 30-years of Wastewater Treatment and "Historical" knowledge of...wastewater operator developemnt over the years, makes him a valuable asset to the Board of Certification.

Respectfully,

Kevin Nakamura