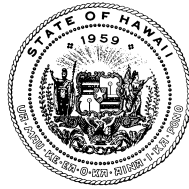


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March 31, 2021

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Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
[via <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx> only]

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Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Mr. James A. Landgraf to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

My name is Joanna Seto, Environmental Health Program Administrator of the Department of Health's Environmental Management Division (EMD). The Safe Drinking Water Branch, in EMD, is responsible to safeguard public health by protecting Hawaii's drinking water and assuring that owners and operators of public water systems provide safe drinking water to the community. They achieve this mission in part through the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, as established by Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 340F and regulated by Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-25.

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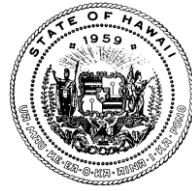
We appreciate his willingness to serve on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

I strongly recommend approval of his nomination.

Sincerely,

JOANNA L. SETO, P.E., CHIEF
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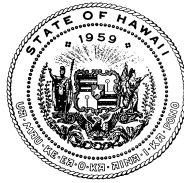
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Miyahira".

MICHAEL MIYAHIRA, P.E., ACTING CHIEF
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0579
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES LANDGRAF,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 4/5/2021

Room Number: VIDEO

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) supports the nomination of
3 Mr. James Landgraf to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators (Board).

4 Mr. Landgraf has 30 years of experience in the operation of surface water treatment
5 facilities and water distribution systems. He is currently employed at the County of Maui
6 Department of Water Supply and JN Construction Inc., both which provide services in
7 maintaining drinking water systems and treatment plants. At the County of Maui, Mr. Landgraf
8 is responsible for the daily operations of the most complex surface water treatment facilities in
9 the state. At JN Construction Inc., he is responsible for overseeing the operations of water
10 distribution systems.

11 In addition to his extensive public drinking water experience, Mr. Landgraf possesses
12 both a Water Treatment Plant Operator and Distribution System Operator certification at the
13 highest grade level of 4. Therefore, he understands the value of a certification program. His
14 knowledge on surface water treatment facilities will bring valuable insight to the Board, and his
15 willingness to serve demonstrates his commitment to his profession and the certification of
16 drinking water system operators.

17 **Offered Amendments:** None

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