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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM631  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, KEVIN NAKAMURA FOR A  
TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024 (EXPIRATION DATE AMENDED TO 6-30-2024 BY  
GM660)**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALO, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 03/31/2021

Room Number: Via Videoconference

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) strongly supports the
- 3 Governor's nominee, Mr. Kevin Nakamura., to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel
- 4 in Wastewater Treatments (Board). Mr. Nakamura'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. Nakamura currently works as an Operations Superintendent for Aqua Engineers at the
- 9 Schofield Barracks Wastewater Treatment Plant. He has over twenty-four (24) years of
- 10 wastewater experience and holds a Grade 4 wastewater treatment plant operator certification in
- 11 the State of Hawaii. The Department believes that Mr. Nakamura's vast experience and
- 12 knowledge of wastewater treatment plant operations will be a great asset to the Board.
- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.