

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 4017

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2022

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 667,  
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 667 and 668, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANTS

G.M. No. 667      EMILY DONG,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2026; and

G.M. No. 668      MARIA YAMASHITA,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2023,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Emily Dong and Maria Yamashita for service on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants.

EMILY DONG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Emily Dong from the Department of Health and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Dong's experience as an engineer, commitment to public service, and dedication to public health and safety, qualify her for reappointment to the Board of Certification of Operating



Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. Ms. Dong currently works as a professional licensed engineer for Brown and Caldwell. Ms. Dong has worked in the field of wastewater engineering for over twelve years with the City and County of Honolulu and Brown and Caldwell. Ms. Dong earned a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Dong's service on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants fulfills the requirement of section 340B-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that a member be an engineer in private practice. Your Committee notes that Ms. Dong currently serves on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants and therefore is already familiar with its work. Your Committee therefore recommends that Emily Dong be reappointed to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants based on her experience wastewater engineering and commitment to public health and safety.

MARIA YAMASHITA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Maria Yamashita from the Department of Health.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Yamashita's experience working in the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch, commitment to public service, and dedication to public health and safety, qualify her for appointment to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. Ms. Yamashita has four years of experience assisting the Board with various administrative matters. Her current duties at the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch include drafting the Board of Certification's agendas, issuing certification renewals for all the Wastewater Operators in the State, and administering the wastewater operator certification exams. Ms. Yamashita earned a Bachelor's degree in Travel Industry Management from the University of Hawaii and has over ten years of customer service and problem-solving experience in that sector. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Yamashita's service on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants fulfills the requirement of section 340B-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that a member be a representative of the state agency responsible for the State's water quality program. Your Committee therefore recommends that Maria Yamashita be appointed to the



Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants based on her experience working in the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch and commitment to public health and safety.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

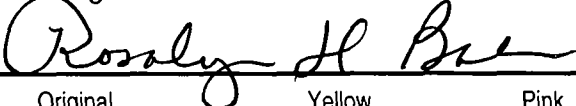
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,

  
ARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, Chair



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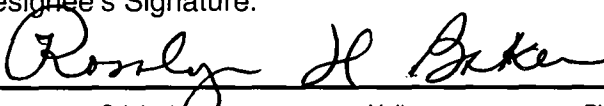
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BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
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