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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM668
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARIA YAMASHITA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALO, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 4/8/2022

Room Number: 225/Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) **strongly** supports the
3 Governor's nominee, Ms. Maria Yamashita, to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel
4 in Wastewater Treatment Plants (Board). Ms. Yamashita'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 Ms. Yamashita has a Bachelor of Science degree in Travel Industry Management from
9 the University of Hawaii. She has four years of experience with assisting the Board with
10 administrative matters. Her current duties as an office assistant for the Department's Wastewater
11 Branch includes assisting with drafting the Board's agendas, issuing certification renewals for all
12 of the Wastewater Operators in the State and administration of the wastewater operator
13 certification exams. The Department believes that Ms. Yamashita will be a great asset to the
14 Board as the representative for our Department.

15 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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

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Comments:

I believe that Maria Yamashita would be a great asset as a Board Member for the Wastewater Board of Certification. She handles work with the wastewater operators everyday and with the current Board member. She already has lots of knowledge and I believe she will do great!