

February 23, 2024

The Senate  
State Of Hawaii, State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Attn: Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura

Dear Joy,

I am sending my written statements for the questions recently sent to me:

- 1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants?  
I am currently serving on the Board of Certification since July 2019. I am the representative for the island of Kauai. I believe that as a member of the Board, I can bring the voices of the Kauai operators to the table.
- 2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants?  
As a member of the Board, we need to ensure the effective management of wastewater treatment facilities in the State as stated in HAR Chapter 61 of Title 11. Certification of wastewater facility operators plays a critical role of ensuring that the wastewater treatment facilities are competently staffed to provide the operations & maintenance of these facilities.
- 3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants  
As stated earlier, I have served since 2019. I am currently the Superintendent of Operations for the County of Kauai, Public Works Department, Wastewater Division since July 2014. The county has (4) treatment facilities staffed by 5 operators. I oversee operations & maintenance of these facilities including supervising the mechanics, electricians & collections crew. I believe I play a critical role on the Board.
- 4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?  
I think that we, as a Board, must work on tasks as a "TEAM" & accomplish every task together.
- 5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants?  
I am a hard-working, trustworthy, friendly & easy-going person. I work well with the current Board on all decision-making procedures.
- 6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants?  
I was Employee of the Year for the County of Kauai, Public Works Department in 2014. I can bring my wastewater expertise & knowledge to the Board.

- 7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?  
I don't foresee any possible conflicts of interest in the foreseeable future. I would never put myself in that situation.

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