

March 14, 2024

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

Hello Joy A. San Buenaventura,

I will provide my responses below for each answer.

1. (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?

I am looking forward to supporting future & current operators across the state of Hawaii. I know the importance of our future depends on educating the next generation of operators.

2. (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?

I perceive my roles & responsibilities as a Board member to ensure we have the highest level of qualified operators to protect our precious assets. Making sure Water Treatment Plants across the islands are staffed so operations and maintenance can be performed at all facilities.

3. (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, 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 Public Water System Operators.

I'm currently the Chief of Utilities and serve as the Water System Operator for the Department of the Army, covering 4 public water systems, managing the water treatment plants and distribution system. I have 26 years of experience in water works and manage 87 employees. With 8 operators on our team, we work together to manage our water systems. I have the ability to support all systems as a Board member.

4. (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would like to build relationships with the Board members to share and educate each other. I would like to ensure as a Board we can complete any mission together.

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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 Public Water System Operators?

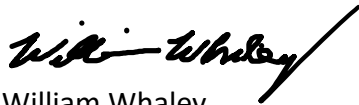
I am honest, friendly and a team player, I know I can support this Board and ensure continued success.

6. (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators?

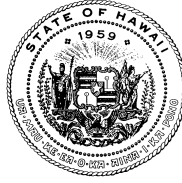
My strength is on the distribution side and I work with all local agencies on island to include providing supporting advice, common system issues and even new products and equipment.

7. (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I have integrity and understand I have a duty to uphold, I will not put myself in that type of situation.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0672
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM WHALEY,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Hearing Date: 4/3/2024 Room Number: 225 & Videoconference

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports the nomination of Mr. William Whaley to
- 3 the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators (Board).
- 4 Mr. Whaley has over 25 years of operational experience in drinking water distribution systems
- 5 and water treatment plants. He is employed by the U.S. Army Installation Management
- 6 Command where he started as a helper and rose to his current position of managing a crew of
- 7 22 personnel that maintain all plumbing issues at all Army installations on Oahu.
- 8 In addition to his extensive experience, Mr. Whaley possesses a Grade 3 Distribution System
- 9 Operator and a Grade 1 Water Treatment Plant Operator certification. Therefore, he understands
- 10 the value of a certification program. His knowledge will bring valuable insight to the Board
- 11 from an operator's perspective.
- 12 Mr. Whaley has also served on the Board of Directors for Hawaii Rural Water Association. His
- 13 willingness to serve in the water sector demonstrates his commitment to his profession.
- 14 **Offered Amendments:** None
- 15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.