

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3064

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 757,
758, 759

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 757, 758, and 759, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS

G.M. No. 757 ROBERT SPETICH,
for a term to expire 6-30-2016;

G.M. No. 758 JODI YAMAMI,
for a term to expire 6-30-2016; and

G.M. No. 759 LAN YONEDA,
for a term to expire 6-30-2015,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Robert Spetich, Jodi Yamami, and Lan Yoneda to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Robert Spetich from the Department of Health.

Mr. Spetich is a registered professional chemical engineer and has thirty-three years of experience in water and wastewater engineering, management, and operations, which has provided him with a well-rounded knowledge of the skills necessary for work on

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water systems as well as the necessity for qualified individuals for such work. Mr. Spetich has served on the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators for the past four years and provided valuable insight to the Board. Your Committee finds that Mr. Spetich's thoroughness, fairness, and integrity as well as his willingness to be reappointed are qualities of a committed and valuable member of the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Jodi Yamami from the Department of Health.

Ms. Yamami has over seventeen years of professional experience as an engineer. For the past five years in her work at the Department of Health's Safe Drinking Water Branch, Ms. Yamami has been responsible for the implementation and administration of the drinking water treatment plant operator and distribution system operator certification programs. In this capacity, Ms. Yamami has gained much experience working with operators by renewing certifications, providing technical assistance, developing and conducting training, and many other critical services related to the operation of public water systems. Ms. Yamami is being nominated for reappointment after serving for four years on this Board.

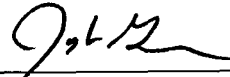
Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Lan Yoneda from the Department of Health.

Mr. Yoneda is a licensed civil engineer and has fifteen years of experience in water system operations as he was the Superintendent of the Field Operations Division of the Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu. Mr. Yoneda is now Assistant Chief of the Road Division of the Department of Facility Maintenance, City and County of Honolulu, but continues to keep his distribution system operator license current. Your Committee finds that Mr. Yoneda's integrity, responsibility, and experience will be of much service to the Board. Mr. Yoneda also demonstrates his commitment by seeking reappointment for a second term to the Board.

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,



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



