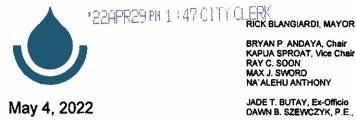
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The Honorable Tommy Waters Chair and Presiding Officer and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Subject: Council Bill 22, Relating to Building Benchmarking

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports Bill 22 relating to building benchmarking, which requires the measuring and reporting of a building's energy and water usage trends as a conservation metric to incentivize reduction. Reducing energy and water usage not only meets sustainability goals and preserves natural resources, it reduces consumer utility bills.

With the reduction in 3 major water sources serving Aiea to Hawaii Kai due to the Red Hill fuel contamination, and the current drought, the BWS is asking island residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce their water use by 10 percent, to prepare for the summer season and prevent more restrictive conservation measures, if necessary.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Bill 22.

Very Truly Yours,

ERNEST Y.W. LAU. P.E. Manager and Chief Engineer