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September 25, 2024

The Honorable Matt Weyer, Chair
and Members
Committee on Housing, Sustainability and Health
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, Hawaii'i 96813

Dear Chair Weyer and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 38, FD1, CD1 - To Amend the O'ahu Water Management Plan

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports Bill 38, Floor Draft (FD) 1, Committee Draft (CD) 1, amending the O'ahu Water Management Plan (WMP), Chapter 30, Water Management, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu.

The WMP incorporates environmentally holistic, economically viable and community based planning for watershed protection and water use and development, and includes the sustainable vision and policies consistent with the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan. The WMP identifies sustainable policies, projects and strategies for the efficient use of fresh water supplies in East Honolulu and to improve the water quality of Maunalua Bay.

Several individual, community and agency meetings were conducted in the plan development including presentations to the Hawai'i Kai, Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki and Wai'alaie Kahala Neighborhood Boards. On September 18, 2024, the BWS and the State Commission on Water Resources Management (CWRM) held a public hearing in Hawai'i Kai. There were two testifiers (Elizabeth Reilly – Hawai'i Kai NHB and Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui, and Jeanne Ohta – Aina Haina Community Association), both in support of the plan and not substantive. The plan was developed in coordination with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting and the State CWRM.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony in support of Bill 38, FD1, CD1.

Very truly yours,

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