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October 23, 2024

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

Dear Chair Weyer and Members:

Subject: Council Bill 51, Proposed CD1 – Relating to Adaptive Reuse

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports the intent of Bill 51, Proposed Committee Draft (CD) 1, and urges developers, architects, property owners, or managers to consider a number of factors upfront in the planning and design phase when converting a commercial property into residential property, more specifically a mixed-use property.

The BWS mandates the installation of separate domestic water meters for residential and non-residential (commercial) usage. This is essential to accurately measure and differentiate water service for each classification. The BWS Board adopted its schedule of rates and charges for the furnishing of water and water service for Fiscal Years 2024 – 2029, and to remain in effect until superseded. This schedule of rates and charges for BWS customers details the different classifications for water usage. Customer class definitions are provided for residential (single-family and multi-unit residences, including apartments, condominiums, and townhouses – low-rise and high rise) versus non-residential (not used for residential or agricultural purposes) classifications. Pursuant to BWS Rules and Regulations, Sec. 2-203, for the purpose of commuting charges, all meters serving the consumer's premises shall be considered separately and the readings thereof shall not be combined. For a mixed-use property, meters must be installed to accurately separate the water usage and billing for residential use and non-residential use.

Proposed mixed use developments are required to install separate domestic water meters and laterals serving the residential and non-residential spaces. The construction

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drawings should be submitted for BWS review and approval, and the construction schedule should be coordinated to minimize impact to the water system. When water is made available, the applicant will be required to pay BWS Water System Facilities Charges for resource development, transmission and daily storage.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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