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The Honorable Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
and Members
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members:

SUBJECT: Council Bill 60 (2024), Proposed CD1: Relating to Sewers, Drainage, and Cesspools

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) is unable to implement the new sewer rates in the timeframe set forth in both Proposed Committee Drafts (CD) 1 to Council Bill 60 (2024), which purportedly begins July 1, 2025, and continues through July 1, 2034.

The BWS needs three-to-six months lead time after Bill 60 becomes an ordinance to implement the newly adopted rate structure changes for reprogramming and thorough testing to ensure accurate customer bills before it can transition the Customer Information System (CIS) billing system to the Department of Environmental Services. The next effective date for consideration should be January 1, 2026.

Without sufficient time to reprogram, test and implement the new rate structure changes, there could be billing errors that may be disruptive and costly to correct.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on Council Bill 60, Proposed CD 1.

Very truly yours,

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