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The Honorable Radiant Cordero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Planning, Infrastructure and
Transportation
Honolulu City Council
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Cordero and Members:

Subject: Resolution 25-51, Land Use Ordinance Amendment
Relating to Transit-Oriented Development, Gray Water Reuse

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports the proposed resolution adding gray water reuse as a potential community benefit for a Transit Oriented Development (TOD), special district permit to mitigate impacts of greater building heights and density.

Gray water reuse conserves limited water supply capacity to support a larger amount of affordable housing and mitigates the possibility of water shortages if summer demand exceeds supply. BWS is supportive of gray water reuse and is developing a custom Water Sensible rebate program that could further incentivize gray water reuse, rain catchments and water efficient plumbing fixtures in redevelopments. Incorporating on-site reuse strategies has a greater level of feasibility in redevelopments than retrofitting existing buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Resolution 25-51.

Very truly yours,

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