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The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 100
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Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 26-151, CD1: Approving the expenditure of Clean Water and Natural Lands Funds to acquire a perpetual conservation easement over one parcel of land, Tax Map Key: (1) 3-6-023:006 (CPRs 0001-0008) situated in Wailupe, O'ahu, Hawai'i.

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports City Council Resolution No. 26-151, Committee Draft (CD) 1, approving the expenditure of Clean Water and Natural Lands ("CWNL") Funds to acquire a perpetual conservation easement over one parcel of land, Tax Map Key: (1) 3-6-023:006 (CPRs 0001-0008) situated in Wailupe, O'ahu, Hawai'i.

Resolution No. 26-151 would approve CWNL funding for the acquisition and permanent protection of a culturally significant property, which is of critical importance of the Kānaka 'Ōiwi, the Indigenous people of Hawai'i.

For BWS, these lands are also a vital part of the watershed that replenishes the aquifer and helps provide drinking water to our island community. We fully support efforts to protect these precious watersheds and preserve the natural cycle of water absorption and aquifer recharge.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Resolution No. 26-151, CD 1.

Very truly yours,

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