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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 633, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO ASSISTING DAM AND RESERVOIR OWNERS

House Bill 633, House Draft 1 proposes to revise Part XII, Section 39A-341, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by amending the definitions of “appurtenant works”, “dam” and “reservoir” for the purposes of clarifying the definitions. The bill also proposes to clarify that above freshwater storage tanks are included in the definition of appurtenant works for the purposes of the special purpose revenue bond program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill.**

The Special Purpose Revenue Bond Program provides a means of financing for certain types of projects that have a greater public purpose and are in need of financial support. Dams and reservoirs were included as a qualified type of project, as many of these structures are in need of improvements to comply with dam safety standards. This means of financing will assist owners to implement these improvements. This measure will broaden the types of improvements eligible for special purpose revenue bonds.

The Department understands that this revision will not change the application of the definition contained in Chapter 179D, HRS - Dams and Reservoirs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

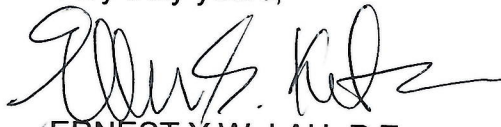
Subject: House Bill 633, HD1 Relating to Assisting Dam and Reservoir Owners

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill 633, HD1. This measure clarifies, in part, that aboveground freshwater storage tanks are included in the definition of "appurtenant works" in Part XII of Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

House Bill 633, HD1 will allow the BWS to utilize the proceeds of a special purpose revenue bonds issuance as an additional option to finance waterworks projects. The savings realized from lower interest rates will ultimately help keep water rates affordable for BWS customers.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on House Bill 633, HD1.

Very truly yours,


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