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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ALL PUBLIC AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE POTABLE WATER TO THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE PRIOR NOTICE OF ANY ADDITIVES TO THE WATER OR ANY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OR TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

1           WHEREAS, historically, residents in the upcountry area of  
2 Maui who rely on a public water system, which utilizes surface  
3 water that is subsequently treated, have experienced various  
4 ailments, including rashes and skin irritations; and

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6           WHEREAS, although the various components of the water  
7 system, including the surface water intakes, the treatment  
8 plant, including a range of additives used over time to treat  
9 the water, and the transmission system, which in some places is  
10 outdated, have all been investigated, no certain source of or  
11 cause for the ailments has been determined; and

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13           WHEREAS, periodic complaints of ailments continue to be  
14 raised by affected residents; and

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16           WHEREAS, other communities throughout the State rely on  
17 public agencies for their potable water needs; now, therefore,

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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2006, that all public agencies that provide potable water to  
22 the public are requested to give the Department of Health  
23 written notice at least ninety days prior to the addition of any  
24 new or different product, substance, or chemical to the potable  
25 water being provided to the public; and

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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the addition of any new or  
28 different product, substance, or chemical to the potable water  
29 being provided to the public is approved by the Department of  
30 Health, the applicable county is requested to notify the people  
31 who are affected; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, the Mayor  
3 of each county, and the head of each county agency providing  
4 potable water to the public.

