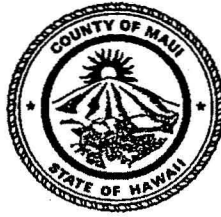


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January 23, 2008

The Honorable Hermina M. Morita, Chair  
and Members of the House committee on Energy  
and Environmental Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: HB 2211-MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR WASTEWATER PROJECTS**

Dear Chair Morita, and Members:

I am Cheryl K. Okuma, Director of the Department Environmental Management and am providing testimony in support of HB 2211 which would make an appropriation to the state revolving fund for wastewater projects. We understand from the State Department of Health that for fiscal year 2009 state revolving funds would not be available to Maui County.

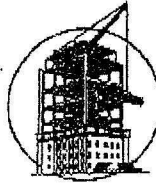
Our wastewater facilities and infrastructure are aging. Therefore, it is important that we are able to undertake various capital improvement projects to ensure the reliability of our wastewater system as well as comply with State and Federal requirements. The state revolving fund provides the County with the ability to finance these costly projects at a low interest rate.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments in support of HB 2211 and request your favorable consideration of this proposed measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl K. Okuma".

Cheryl K. Okuma  
Director, Department of Environmental Management



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Energy & Environmental Protection Committee  
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RE: **SUPPORT OF HB 2211**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR WASTEWATER PROJECTS**  
Hearing: Thursday, January 24, 2008, 8:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Morita and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the passage of House Bill 2211, which appropriates funds for wastewater projects to comply with federal Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Thank you for the consideration of our request to support HB2211 and the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

*W. Hong / dg*  
William "Buzz" Hong

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