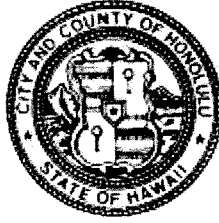


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The Honorable Hermina M. Morita, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
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The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources
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Dear Chairs Morita, Ito and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1807, HD 1

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services (ENV) fully supports House Bill No. 1807, HD 1, which would authorize the director health to use federal moneys from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to fund drinking water and wastewater infrastructure programs.

It is very important that this action be taken to insure that the State and counties have the ability to receive the federal stimulus funds directed to drinking water and clean water (wastewater) utilities that were recently passed by Congress. We encourage the State to make the maximum amount of money possible available in the form of grants.

We thank you for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Steinberger, P.E.
Acting Director